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GEORGE DICK GETS KEY JOB



George Dick (right) with FC Brugge chairman Michel van Malle during a recent visit to Europe.

New 1993 WYC project manager

BY TOM ANDERSON

EXPERIENCED NSW administrator George Dick has been appointed project manager for the 1993 World Youth Championships which will be held in Australia.

Dick will replace Ian Holmes who had to relinquish the position when he was elevated to ASF Chief Executive Officer.

The appointment of Dick as full-time WYC project manager was announced by chief exec Holmes in Sydney yesterday.

"I have great pleasure in announcing that George Dick will take over as project manager for the 1993 World Youth Championships," he said.

"George has a wealth of experience in soccer administration and knows what is required to make the series an outstanding success."

Dick will resign from his present position as commercial manager of a leading communications firm to take up his new post.

The present vice-president of Oceania and the NSW Soccer Federation said he was thrilled by his new appointment.

"This is a great challenge and an exciting project," he said.

"I am confident it will be a big success."

"I wouldn't have accepted the job if I didn't think I could succeed."

"When the WYC was held here in 1981, it was an outstanding success."

"I aim to make sure it will be an even greater success in 1993."

Dick also declared that he will resign as NSW vice-president to allow him to concentrate fully on the organisation of the 1993 championships.

He will, however, remain as vice-president of the Oceania Confederation.

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What ABSW says . . .

THE draw for the qualifying round of the 1994 World Cup will take place at Madison Square Garden in New York in December.

And for us here in Australia, it's just another reminder that time is quickly running out in our planning and preparation for the world's greatest sporting event.

It's crucial, the ASF gets its World Cup act in order immediately, and tables its preparations and planning for the Socceroo buildup for World Cup qualifying duty.

Time is of the essence.

What must never be forgotten, is, the World Cup final series is the most important in football for all nations, great or small.

Not only for prestige and standing, but also from the financial point of view.

At the end of the day, qualifying for the Olympics, the World Youth Cup or the Under 17 World Championships means little or nothing, if we fail to make the real big one in the USA in 1994.

As is always the situation, there have been beatings from certain quarters over being handed the wrong end of the pineapple in our qualification rounds.

Maybe this is so.

But to be perfectly blunt and honest, and putting everything in its proper perspective, the draw is no more difficult than that which faced Rale Rasic and his wonderful Socceroos, when they qualified for the 1974 finals in West Germany.

What must be accepted at all times is, we have no divine right to a place in the finals.

This is something which has to be earned.

'TOP PRIORITY'

At the last World Cup series in Italy, recognised soccer nations such as France, Poland and Denmark were conspicuous by their absence.

They failed to qualify because they weren't good enough.

So, why should we expect an armchair ride?

I am convinced the Socceroos have the talent and the ability to qualify for the USA in 1994.

But, it will not just happen, it must be made made to happen.

Made happen, through proper planning and preparation.

The answer to this lies with the ASF.

Positive action and not words is what is needed - post haste!

— THE EDITOR

Juventus up in shootout

BY ROD BOWLES

BRUNSWICK Juventus won the inaugural State League champions challenge when it downed NSW side Sutherland Shire on penalties in the second leg of the series at Melbou-

rne's John Cain Reserve on Sunday.

Juve took the series after a nail-biting 4-3 penalty shoot-out win.

The Victorian champions, down by a goal to nil after the first leg of the series in Sydney last weekend, came back to win the return leg 1-0 with a goal from Frank

Sabatino just before half time.

Sabatino's goal, a magnificent free kick which curled around the defensive wall, levelled the series at 1-1 on aggregate.

Although Sutherland probably had the better of a game marred by strong winds and unusually hot conditions, the match went down to the wire.

The New South Welshmen wasted their best chance to clinch the series when Brandtman hit the Juve woodwork during the second half.

Juventus wasn't required to take its fifth penalty of the shoot-out following misses from

Sutherland's Sharp and Sellar.

JUVENTUS: Laumets, Marley, Sonsini, Corvan, Della Rocca, O'Dell, Assimakopoulos (Feria 64), Sabatino, Donnelly, Ingles, Inglesi (Androumisdakis 82).

SUTHERLAND: Dart (Noffre HT), Edmonds, Sellar, Massarotti, Biscaya, O'Shea, Christodoulou, Condoleon, Bard, Lardis (Murray 72), Brandtman (Sharp 77).

RESULTS OF VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE CUP SEMI FINALS PLAYED ON SUNDAY:

Nth Geelong 1 - Doncaster Rovers 0.

East Brunswick Ivanhoe 0 - Frankston Pines 2.

North Geelong will play Frankston Pines in the State League Cup final this coming Sunday at the Veneto Club in Bulleen.

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NSL RESULTS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ADELAIDE CITY 2 (E Tappin 43min T Vidmar 85min) b PAR-RAMATTA MELITA 1 (J Nowicki 71min) at Hindmarsh Stadium Crowd 5200

NEWCASTLE 2 (N Meredith 63min C Koch 94min) b PRESTON 1 (K Trajanovski 35min) at Connor Reserve Crowd 2000

MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (I Kelic 57min) b SYDNEY CROATIA 0 at Croatian Sports Centre Crowd 3450

SOUTH MELBOURNE 6 (P Trimball 4min 34min M Petersen 32min K Taliadoros 46min P Wade 57min 60min) b LEICHHARDT 1 (D Healy 12min) at Middle Park Crowd 3500

BRISBANE UNITED 1 (A Hunter 57min) b HEIDELBERG 0 at Perry Park Crowd 2500

WOLLONGONG CITY 0 drew with WEST ADELAIDE 0 at Braddon Park Crowd 1988

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (T Bredbury 15min) drew with MARCONI 1 (T McCulloch 57min) at St George Stadium Crowd 6649

NATIONAL LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melb Croatia.....	3	3	0	0	7	2	6
Sydney Olympic.....	3	2	1	0	6	1	5
Adelaide City.....	3	2	1	0	4	1	5
Brisbane United.....	3	2	1	0	4	2	5
South Melbourne.....	3	2	0	1	12	5	4
Wollongong City.....	3	1	2	0	2	0	4
Newcastle BHP.....	3	2	0	1	12	5	4
Heidelberg United.....	3	1	0	2	4	6	2
West Adelaide.....	3	0	2	1	2	4	2
Preston.....	3	1	0	2	4	7	2
Marconi.....	3	0	1	2	2	4	1
Parramatta Melita.....	3	0	1	2	1	5	1
Apia Leichhardt.....	3	0	1	2	1	8	1
Sydney Croatia.....	3	0	0	3	1	6	0



YOUTH LEAGUE NORTH

AIS 5, St George 0.
Melita Eagles 3,
Highfields Assurri 1.
Wollongong City 3,
Adamstown Rosebuds 0.

Apia Leichhardt 2,
Sydney Olympic Colts 1.

Sydney Olympic 2,
Marconi 0.

Sydney Croatia 4,
Sydney Croatia Colts 0.

Newcastle Breakers 2,
Wollongong Macedonia 1.

TOP GOAL SCORERS

5 Tim Bredbury (Syd Olympic).

4 Kim Taliadoros (Sth Melbourne).

PROGRESSIVE POINT SCORE

7 Bredbury (SO).
6 Biskic (MC).
4 Davidson (MC),
Donnelly (MC), Hedde (N), Spink (PM), Bernal (SO).

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Hellas go for broke



STH MELBOURNE 6
APIA 1

BY GREG BLAKE

SOUTH Melbourne Hellas racked up its best winning margin since 1986 as it swept past a shattered Apia-Leichhardt in a 6-1 romp at Middle Park on Sunday.

Last season's champions, sparked by an inglorious defeat at Newcastle last week, rifled home its first goal after just four minutes and slammed in another five in the first memorable hour of play — including a whirlwind three in a quarter hour blitz after half time.

Only when Souths tired in the energy sapping 32 degree heat did Apia appear its equal.

And even then the Sydneysiders struggled as Hellas keeper Bruce Maclaren pulled out two inspiration saves to quell the mini-comeback.

Steve Blair, an inspiration to Hellas all day, admitted that the home side had gone in for the kill from the start.

"There were no excuses last week, we played badly and got beaten", he said.

"It was important to get back into form today and we took that attitude from the start of the game".

It was on the cards that Sunday's match would be a curiosity after Paul Trimboli, who took on a trounced Jeff Doyle and then John McQuarrie, scored with a rare headed goal after just four minutes.

Apia, after starting poorly, had hoped the laughs wouldn't be at their expense and a record drubbing at the

hands of Hellas hardly appeared a consideration when Apia pulled back to 1-1 in the 12th minute, albeit compliments of an awkward headed own-goal by Hellas defender David Healy.

But, like Healy, South Melbourne picked itself up and shook itself off before demolishing Apia in no uncertain fashion.

Apia held back the Mike Peterson — Paul Wade inspired tide for a time, but when Peterson's drive from a 32nd minute free kick deflected off the wall and past the flailing hands of Brett Hughes Apia's time of reckoning had arrived.

Trimboli made and scored the next just 120 seconds later as he showed brilliant control before playing a 1-2 with Blair and slipping the return pass under Hughes to make it 3-1 at the break.

Taliadoros out-jumped Hughes to head home Peter Tsolakis' cross less than a minute after the re-start and the route continued in the 57th minute when McQuarrie flattened Trimboli and Wade struck truly from the penalty spot.

Wade, back in his first game for the season and looking like he hadn't missed a beat, notched his second with a typically courageous leap through a ruck of players to nod home a Tsolakis corner.

Apia, still yet to win in 11 NSL visits to Middle Park, grabbed its chance for a piece of the action late in the game as it tried to stop the rot.

But for all its enterprise all Apia found out was that Mehmet Durakovic doesn't stop throwing himself about until the game is well and truly over and that Maclaren is a class custodian.

The highlight of the final 20 minutes was Maclaren's reflex stop (ala Gordon Banks) to palm clear a bouncing goalbound Rod Brown header.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Maclaren, Healy, Wright, Durakovic, Blair, Wade (Boutsianis 68), Taliadoros (Michalakopoulos 79), Peterson, Trimboli, Hasler, Tsolakis.

APIA: Hughes, Carter, Jennings, Stewart, Doyle (Minichello HT), Clinch, Ellem, Ollerenshaw, Brown, McFadden, McQuarrie.

GOALS: Trimboli 4m and 34m, Peterson 32m, Taliadoros 46m, Wade 57m (pen.) and 60m for South Melbourne; own goal Healy 12m for Apia.

YELLOW CARDS: Stewart 65m for Apia.

REFEREE: E. Brazzale.

CROWD: App. 3,500.

VOTES: 3 - S. Blair (SM), 2 - P. Trimboli (SM), 1 - P. Wade (SM).

Ugly incident mars a titanic struggle



SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1
MARCONI 1

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC and Marconi played a 1-1 draw last Sunday night at the St George Stadium in front of a crowd of 6,649, in a match that was loaded with thrills and spills from start to finish.

An ugly incident marred the match when violence erupted in the 66th minute that forced referee Richard Lorenc to flash the red card to Marconi's Soccerroo midfielder and captain, Ian Gray and a yellow card to Olympic's international centre back Andrew Bernal.

Bernal fouled David Seal which provoked Gray into heatedly shoving Bernal away whilst another Olympic player was most fortunate in not getting his marching orders for cowardly kicking Seal in the back whilst the Marconi Youth international was lying on the ground.

From this point onwards, the match lost much of its style and colour as both sides plunged into drab football.

Olympic hit the lead in the 16th minute when striker Tim Bredbury, yet again hit the target following good leadup work by right midfielder Grant Lee.

Three successive shots in the first eight minutes from Olympic sweeper Robbie Hooker and Marconi striker David Seal (twice) were all well saved by respective goalkeepers Bobby Catlin and Gary Meier.

Olympic looked like extending their lead in the 28th minute when referee Richard Lorenc, most generously pointed to the penalty spot after Olympic's left midfielder Steve Refenes appeared to be fouled by Marconi's giant centre-back Steve Calderan.

But thankfully justice prevailed as Olympic's veteran striker, Zlatko Nasteovski drove his penalty shot to the right where a fully stretched Catlin blocked magnificently just inside the left post.



JEAN PAUL DE MARIGNY

Six minutes before the break Marconi almost equalised after David Lowe crossed from the left to find midfielder Tommy McCulloch who blasted a 25 metre left-footed drive that shaved the target.

Twelve minutes after the break, Marconi justifiably equalised when a flat cross from the right by Andy Harper was laid back from

centre box by David Seal for a back-to-form McCulloch to drive into the net from 12 metres. A satisfied Marconi coach, Berti Mariani lamented to ABSW after the match: "It was a magnificent result considering my players were under immense pressure yet displayed great courage, determination and character to pull off a draw being one man down"

Mick Hickman,

Olympic's phlegmatic coach, reflected: "We are frustrated that we didn't win this one, but had we scored from the penalty I believe it would have been all over."

Bredbury, the NSL's current top marksman, analysed in the dressing rooms: "The only way any team can beat Olympic is if we allow them into the game"

Stars for the visitors were McCulloch, Calderan and David Lowe whilst Olympic's best were Bredbury, Bernal and Meier.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Barrett, Ironside, Bernal, Hooker, Lee, Phillips, Katholos, Refenes, Bredbury, Nasteovski (Cardozo 75m).

MARCONI: Catlin, Van Egmond, Calderan, Blagojevic, De Marigny, Gray, Harper, McCulloch, Lowe, Seal (Cerro 84m), Markovski (Corica 84m).

SCORERS: Bredbury, Olympic, McCulloch, Marconi. **YELLOW CARDS:** Bernal 66m for Olympic, McCulloch 68m, Van Egmond 70m, Harper 80m for Marconi.

RED CARD: Gray 66m for Marconi.

REFEREE: Richard Lorenc.

CROWD: 6,649.

POINTS: 3-Bredbury, 2-Bernal, 1-McCulloch.

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It was so near but so far for sad Eagles!



ADELAIDE CITY 2
MELITA 1

BY ALAN CLARK

THE wheels fell off in the dying minutes for wily coach Raul Blanco's Parramatta Melita in their 2-1 loss on Sunday at Hindmarsh Stadium.

After fighting back to cancel out a first-half Ernie Tapai goal with an excellent counter from Jarek Nowicki, Melita took a late double blow to the chin.

First Olyroo defender Tony Vidmar, who slowly is building to fitness and form, struck home a 25 metre shot in 85 minutes.

Then just on time up, star defender Robbie



Wheatley, who had played superbly throughout, was sent off for alleged foul and abusive language towards referee Tom McRoe.

City had dominated much of the territory but a lack of vision and incision in midfield saw mostly half chances created against the containing Melita defence.

After goalkeeper Alex McPherson had denied early chances to Tapai and Steve Maxwell, Tapai scored in 43 minutes.

A long throw-in from the left saw the Melita defence in open house mood and Tapai drove home from inside the penalty area.

Socceroo Marshall Soper had looked in top touch with a series of defence splitting passes but he had to limp off



Steve Maxwell.

Sydney miss out in Croatia derby



SYDNEY CROATIA 0
MELB CROATIA 1

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

THE clear contrast in fortunes of the two Croatia teams was never more evident than in the 1-0 win by the competition leaders over its sister Sydney club at the Croatian Sports Centre on Sunday afternoon.

While coach Ken Murphy fielded an identical side for Melbourne Croatia's third victory in as many matches, Sydney Croatia boss Mladen Vrankovic re-shuffled his team yet again but still failed to avoid a third successive defeat.

New signing Jose Iriarte made an encouraging NSL debut for his club, striker Tony Krslovic was recalled as team captain and former Youth Socceroo Robert Stanton brought back in the middle of the park.

Out went George Jolevski and Ivan Petkovic while Zeljko Jurin was relegated to the substitutes bench.

But apart from keeping the scoreline down to a narrow margin, Sydney Croatia never really looked threatening against a super confident Melbourne side who gave a distinct impression that they could step up a gear whenever the occasion was warranted.

Murphy admitted afterwards that this was



no more than a solid workmanlike performance from his team which was well below the standard shown in their opening two matches but with six points now in the bag he was not going to be overly critical of his charges.

Indeed, despite their overall superiority the visitors should have perhaps paid a harsh penalty eight minutes from the end after Iriarte presented Krslovic with a golden chance of an equaliser but squandered the opportunity by sending his lazy header well wide of target.

With veterans Josip Biskic and Alan Davidson calling the shots in midfield Melbourne Croatia were far more enterprising throughout their 90 minutes showing a level of cohesive teamwork which was sadly lacking from their opponents.

Others in the first half were pretty much evenly balanced. Melbourne Croatia defender George Hannah made a great one to connect with an Ivan Kelic cross which went sailing narrowly over the bar and Krslovic was a little unlucky after a desperate diving lunge by keeper David Miller saved his side on the stroke of halftime.

When the Melbourne side took the lead which eventually led to their victory in the 57th minute, it was really no less than their determined efforts deserved.

A defensive clearance from deep inside their own half found Kelic charging through

the middle and although sweepers Miro Stipic appeared to have the situation under control, his attempted back pass to keeper Mark Bosnich fell short allowing the persistent Kelic to lunge at the ball and toe it over the line.

Melbourne Croatia replaced an erratic Francis Awaritefe with substitute Damien Mori in the last 20 minutes and he got right into the thick of the action, twice attempting long range drives which missed by the narrowest of margins within 60 seconds of coming on.

An absolute rocket from an Andrew Marth free kick was somehow kept out by Bosnich ten minutes from the end and although Mori flicked in Paul Donnelly's shot from the rebound, he was ruled offside by referee Gordon Dunster.

Although, Krslovic should have saved the game for his side with that late header, it would have been a gross injustice to a Melbourne Croatia team which is simply carrying on where it left off last season and look a major threat to perhaps even go one step further.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Bosnich, Runje, Grbevski, Stanton, Babic, Stipic, Iriarte, Ricoy, Krslovic, Muriqi (Jurin 71m), Caleta.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Miller, Donnelly, Galajic, Selemidis, Hannah, Marth, Milosevic (Silic 78m), Biskic, Davidson, Kelic, Awaritefe (Mori 66m).

SCORER: Kelic 57m for Melbourne.

YELLOW CARDS: Babic 19m for Sydney, Galajic 49m, Awaritefe 60m for Melbourne.

REFEREE: Gordon Dunster.

CROWD: 3,450.

POINTS: Biskic 3, Davidson 2, Donnelly 1.



Melita Eagles Soccer Club

**SUNDAY
OCT. 27**



**MELITA
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YOUTH LEAGUE 5PM



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just before the goal with an ankle injury.

Melita fought back into a winning position in 71 minutes when Aytek Genc sent Osvaldo El Ali scampering down the right. His hard centre was wheeled into the new green Hindmarsh nets by Nowicki.

City struggled for a few moments before regaining composure — and Vidmar's late winner from a Robert Csoboth cross.

Melita seemed to lose rhythm with a blunder by goalkeeper McPherson.

He was booked in 83 minutes for time-wasting inside the area — just seconds after being warned about the situation.

Sweeper Milan Ivanovic had good news for City and Socceroos before the game by gaining permanent residency making him available for international duty.

ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica, Shillabeer, Vidmar, Ivanovic, Tobin, Melita, Tapai (Ilic 76), Veart, ullen, Maxwell, Csoboth. Brooks: Not used.

PARRAMATTA MELITA: McPherson, Gomez, Callanan, Barrios, Wheatley, O'Donnell, Nowicki, Okon (Ciantar 53), Soper (Reda 36), El Ali, Genc.

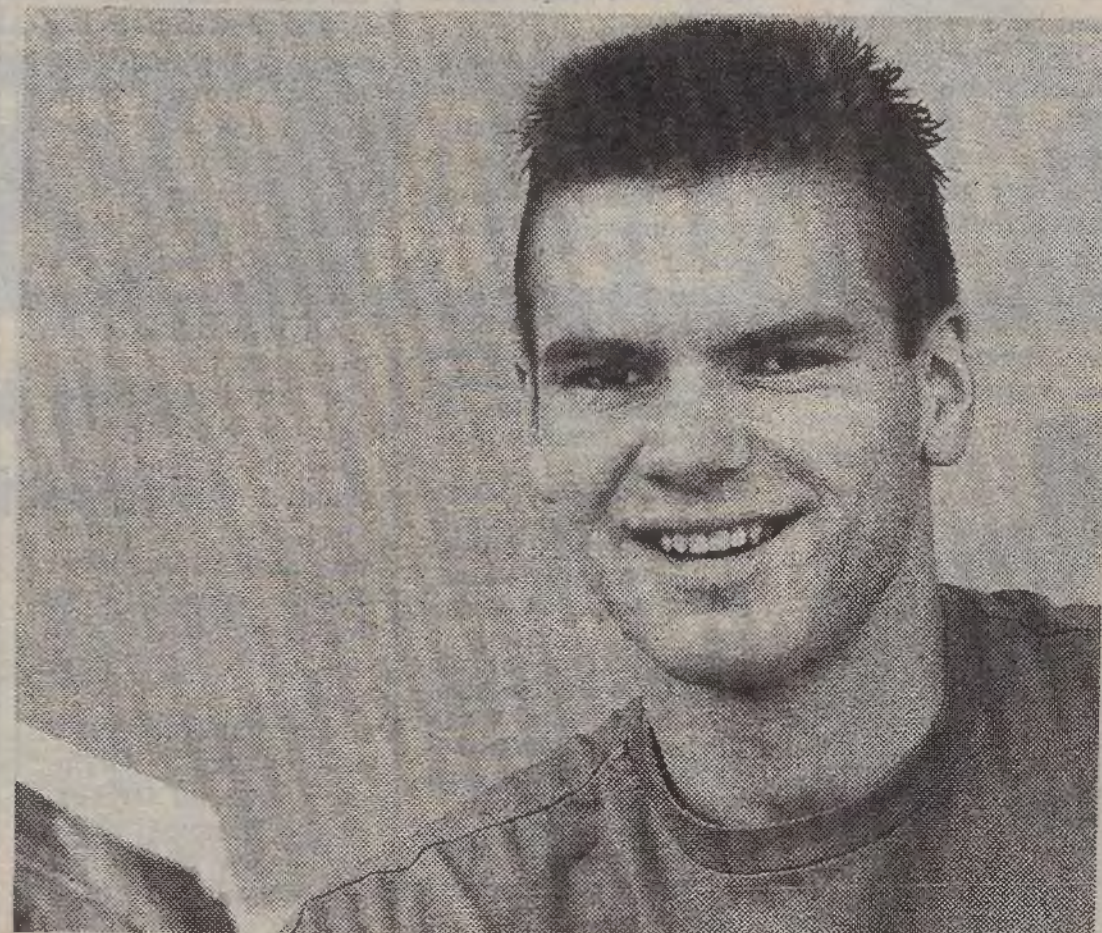
Adelaide City 2 (Tapai 43, Vidmar 85) Parramatta Melita 1 (Nowicki 71).

SCORES: 3 — Ivanovic (Ad City), 2 — Genc (Melita), 1 — Maxwell (Ad City).

YELLOW CARDS: McPherson (Melita, 83).

RED CARDS: Wheatley (Melita, 89).

REFEREE: Tom McRoe (SA).



TONY KRSLOVIC

If it's NSL action you want read it in ABSW

Breakers chalk up another win



PRESTON 1
NEWCASTLE 2

BY CON STAVROS

SEEKING a draw but looking like losers for most of the afternoon, visiting Newcastle Breakers were finally forced to become victors in a spectacular defeat of Preston Makedonia on Sunday.

Playing their first away fixture for the season and indeed their first daylight match, the Breakers came from behind to stun the home crowd with an injury time winner.

The engrossing spectacle played on a warm and blustery afternoon was rich in pace and tactics in the early period as the visitors came to terms with their unfamiliar surroundings.

Fielding an identical line-up to the one that whitewashed defending champions South Melbourne a week earlier, Newcastle Coach Bruce Stowell looked to alter the playing pattern slightly with an increased reliance on possession and disciplined containment.

Counterpart John Gardiner replaced the injured Robert Spasevski with George Petrov and moved Ian Roodhouse to right-back, whilst Andrew Zinni displaced a transfer listed Robert Marcovac in what appeared a formidable Preston XI.

Looking good for their second successive triumph over interstate opposition, Preston grabbed the lead in the 35th minute courtesy of a fine Warren Spink move.

Showing speed and skill, the lethal striker blitzed several opponents down the left touchline before sending a perfect ball to a waiting Kris Trajanovski, who calmly tapped home from point-blank range.

Spink again set up his co-striker just seconds before the half-time whistle only to see keeper Sean Lahiff's save a scoreline extension.

Spink continued to run riot early in the second period and in their best spell of the match, Preston looked sure to increase their lead, but



for some wayward finishing.

Lou Bekiaris was the main culprit with two missed chances in one-on-one encounters with the goalkeeper in the 58th and 59th minutes. Bekiaris after brilliant direct solo runs was inches wide right with the first attempt and then despairingly inches wide left with the second golden opportunity.

Further torment for the home camp came again just seconds later when Spink's delightful goal-bound chip was deflected for a corner by a spectacular fingertip save from Lahiff.

Sensing a chance for an equalizer, the superbly disciplined Novacastrians began to display some of their unquestionable flair and a precision one-two featuring Nick Meredith and Darren Northam in the 63rd minute, saw Man of the Match Meredith waltz into the six yard box unchallenged and coolly slot home the equalizer.

Replacing Bobby Naumov in the 67th minute with youngster Brad Maloney, the visitors were forced to make a second substitution five minutes later when defender Ralph Maier was knocked unconscious in an accidental head clash with Preston utility George Petrov.

Whilst a dazed Petrov was able to continue playing, a heavily concussed Maier left the field prostrate on a

stretcher and spent the evening in hospital for precautionary post-concussion observation.

Preston pushed to regain the lead in the closing stages, with Spink rattling up chances thanks to his own fancy ballwork, whilst a blast by Petrov in the 89th minute was a close call for a Newcastle defence, who were obviously eagerly awaiting the final whistle.

Their anticipation was sweetened in the fourth minute of injury time when John Koch pounced on an indecisive Preston defensive clearance and blasted home a scintillating winner from just outside the box that sailed past a diving Phil Trianedes and into the back of the net.

Bruce Stowell was obviously delighted at the comeback victory and praised his side's discipline and character in capturing the full two points on their first away test.

A despondent John Gardiner was left lamenting the procession of missed chances and what he described as the "miracle goal" that had cost his side at least a point.

PRESTON: Trianedes, Roodhouse, Stojcevski, Jackson, Parton, Petrov, Bekiaris, Trajanovski, Spink, Waddell (McAleer 85m), Zinni.

NEWCASTLE: Lahiff, Maier (Tuua 71m), Heddle, Roberts, Koczka, Moffitt, Northam, Naumov (Maloney 67m), Koch, Barkley, Meredith.

SCORERS: Trajanovski 35m for Preston. Meredith 63m and Koch 94m for Newcastle.

YELLOW CARDS: Waddell 75m for Preston.

REFEREE: John Papanicoulas.

CROWD: 2000

VOTES: 3 - N. Meredith (N), 2 - W. Spink (PM), 1 - L. Heddle (N).



BRAD MALONEY

Play the game or get out of the league!



WOLLONGONG CITY 0
WEST ADELAIDE 0

BY ALBERT MARTINEZ

TEAMS who aren't prepared to play football should not be allowed in the NSL according to Wollongong City coach David Ratcliffe.

An extremely disappointed Ratcliffe made the comment after the Wolves had drawn 0-0 with West Adelaide at Brandon Park last Sunday.

"As I thought they just came here to defend," Ratcliffe said.

"I don't think they should be in the league if they don't want to play football.

"Anybody can just stick six at the back and just defend, it's very disappointing."

A disciplined West Adelaide were content to play for a draw in Wollongong thereby putting to rest the nightmare of the 7-0 loss at Brandon Park in 1990.

The visiting side defended doggedly for the greater part of the match only venturing forward on the counter attack through a lattice work of short passes.

However, their tactics almost came unstuck two minutes into injury time when Wolves' replacement player Richard Lloyd blew a golden opportunity to snatch a winner.

A Pat Brodnik header was parried by Adelaide goalkeeper Peter Blazincic and the loose ball came to Lloyd who blasted wide six metres from goal.

West Adelaide coach Nick Pantsaras said after the game he was looking forward to his first home game of the season next weekend against Adelaide City.

"Our last three games have been on the road to Brisbane, Sydney Olympic and Wollongong," Pantsaras said.

"Wollongong were undefeated in their first two games, they are an experienced side and not too many teams are going to come away from here with two points.

"I was happy with the way we played apart from the first ten minutes when we looked a bit shaky and it was a gutsy effort to get a point today."



It was a tale of missed opportunities for Wollongong who still suffer from a lack of a recognised goalscorer.

They peppered the Adelaide penalty box with cross after cross but no-one seemed capable of grabbing the initiative or capitalising on a poor defence.

Encouraging for the Wolves were the efforts of their two recent signings John Filan and Alex Bundalo.

In his first senior game for the Wolves since joining from St George, Filan was very safe in goals despite being out of the action for long periods.

Bundalo, signed late last week from Apia-Leichhardt for \$27,000, was in everything providing much of the imagination for the Wollongong attack.

The game could have taken on a completely different complexion had the Wolves managed to score in the opening minutes.

A very shaky looking Adelaide were caught playing with the ball around their penalty box in the third minute and Wolves' striker Kevin Hagan unleashed a powerful shot which could only be blocked by Blazincic.

Midfielder Matthew Horsley followed up on



ALEX BUNDALO

the loose ball but his shot from an acute angle found the side netting.

NSL newcomers, West Adelaide, showed that they will trouble a number of sides this year with central defender Robbie Slager and midfielder Claudio Canosa and Mark Brazzale the best for the visiting team.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Filan, Green (Cellini 76m), Hollifield, Horsley, Yankos, O'Shea, Bundalo, Skeen, Hagan (Lloyd 57m), Brodnik, Smith.

WEST ADELAIDE: Blazincic, Mills, Vatsilas, Reynolds, Slager, Canosa, Fletcher, Brazzale, Briscoe (Keramidas 57m), Santrac (Hiern 72m), Blair.

SCORERS: none.

YELLOW CARDS: Batsilas 70m, Fletcher 20m, Keramidas 68m for West Adelaide.

REFEREE: John McConnell.

CROWD: 1,988.

POINTS: Bundalo 3, Slager 2, Filan 1.



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All the action from the NSL opening games

Brisbane are very united!



BRISBANE UTD 1
HEIDELBERG 0

BY GUY HAND

BRISBANE United continued their NSL honeymoon at the expense of midfielder Frank Pimblett's with a 1-0 with over Heidelberg United in Brisbane on Sunday.

Pimblett, 34, who married long-time girlfriend Helen Ryan the day before the match, decided to play against Heidelberg after coach Miron Bleiberg left the choice up to him.

"Naturally Helen wanted me to miss the same but I wanted to play," Pimblett said.

"We're not going on a honeymoon now, but we'll probably go away for a couple of weeks at the end of the season."

Pimblett's contribution in the busy Brisbane United midfield was rewarded with the ideal wedding present — continuation of the

team's unbeaten run in their first NSL season.

A second half penalty from captain and leading scorer Alan Hunter proved the difference in a dour struggle.

The penalty was awarded 10 minutes after half-time when Heidelberg defender Kevin Muscat handled a cross from Brisbane defender Ibro Cahut inside the box.

Hunter, playing against his old club, coolly slotted the spot-kick past good friend Jeff Olver to notch his third goal of the season.

Brisbane had the best chances in the first half, which saw players from both teams continually slipping on the carpet-like Perry Park surface.

The game only came alive in the last five minutes of the half, with Brisbane having two good chances in the 40th minute.

New midfielder Craig Williams had a long-range shot which Olver spilt to Frank Mengotti, whose shot from inside the box was deflected wide.

From the ensuing corner, a Hunter header rattled the crossbar.

Olver was called into action again in the 45th minute, when busy New Zealand midfielder Danny Halligan tried his luck with a header, which the former Socceroo goalkeeper saved.

Heidelberg's best opportunity to score came from an Angie Goutzoulis free-kick which hit the crossbar.

Despite the efforts of Goutzoulis and the hard-working Phil Stubbins, Heidelberg could not equalise against a Brisbane United side which obviously had their first round draw with West Adelaide, where they conceded an equaliser on the break, in the back of their minds.

But Brisbane coach Bleiberg said he was concerned with the way his side closed up shot on Sunday after scoring their goal.

"I would have liked to have seen us play more position soccer after we scored," Bleiberg said.

"I think if we don't, we're inviting trouble."

"But it was still a very disciplined effort — we're improving with every game."

Heidelberg coach Gary Cole was disappointed with the result.

BRISBANE UNITED: Runje, Gwynne, Cahut, A Hunter, Mengotti, Bullock, Williams, Halligan, Pimblett, Stevenson (Jorgensen), C Koch (Slater).

HEIDELBERG: Olver, Bratten, Illopolous (D Hunter), Muscat, Hodgson, Van Egmond, T Cranney, Stubbins, Goutzoulis, Rizopoulos, Lewis (McNicol).

MAN OF THE MATCH POINTS: Danny Halligan (Bris Utd) 3, Phil Stubbins (Heidelberg) 2, Frank Pimblett (Bris Utd) 1.

CAUTIONS: Carl Jorgensen (Bris Utd).

REFEREE: Bill Monteverde.

CROWD: 2500.

The Adelaide derby looms as a sizzler!

BY ALISTAIR RUSSELL

SECOND placed Brisbane United's visit to tearaway leaders Melbourne Croatia and the 'City of Churches' derby between co residents Adelaide City and West Adelaide, should provide the pick of the action in round 4 of the National League.

For Brisbane, the best placed of the CCNSL newcomers, their first sojourn to the southern capital will severely test their mettle and gauge their chances of threatening the top clubs this season.

With an impressive away victory at Marconi two weeks ago, United with the added class of proven stars, Alan Hunter and Stuart Stevenson, will test the league front-runners.

However, with the likes of Josip Biskic and Alan Davidson in such fine form, Melbourne Croatia should have too much class, keeping their 100% record intact in a tight one.

Hindmarsh Stadium will once again pack in the local fans, as the pride of the city once again goes on the line in the big Adelaide derby clash.

City once again have begun the season steadily, unbeaten, equal second and only one goal conceded, against somewhat weak opposition.

Coach Zoran Matic,



ALAN HUNTER: in top form.

has been critical of his sides' performances to date, and nothing but the best will do against their arch rivals on Sunday.

The Sharks, back in the big time after a one season absence, will welcome their first match on their home soil after three difficult matches on the road, that has yielded a reasonable two points.

Adrian Santrac, so long a permanent fixture of the City side through the 80's, will have his work cut out in the Shark's midfield against his old club, and with West Adelaide finding the net hard to come by, City should take both points.

The struggling Marconi will have to move up a gear when they host the uncompromising Wollongong City on Sunday.

With just two goals and one point to show for their first three outings, the Rolls Royce outfit must win against the Wolves to get their show back on the road.

Ian Gray, out suspended after making his return against Olympic at the weekend, will be sorely missed by the Fairfielders, who have failed to settle

on a solid line up since the season began.

The Wolves, running just outside the top five, remain unbeaten and are yet to concede a goal, will be difficult for Marconi to toss, having added Alex Bundalo and John Filan to their already formidable squad.

Although Wollongong have won on only four occasions in 20 matches between the two sides, they look good for at least a draw, despite playing on Marconi's home patch.

South Melbourne, back to form with a 6-1 drubbing of APIA at the weekend, should continue their climb up the ladder, when they visit Melita.

South's coach Ferenc Puskas, must only worry on how to fit Angie Postecoglou back into his juggernaut, that has rattled home 12 goals in three matches.

Melita, without a win

and with just one goal to show for themselves, will welcome Hugo Gimenez back from suspension, but will have an uphill battle to stay off the bottom of the table.

Preston's abysmal record on the road, will again be taken to task when they visit the shellshocked APIA.

The Lambert Parkers will rely on the talented Scott Ollershaw and Rod Brown duet to open their accounts for this campaign, with the Leichhardt club yet to trouble the scorers, their sole score coming via an own goal during the South Melbourne debacle.

A draw here looks inevitable, with Preston yet to win at APIA.

Draws look likely when Heidelberg host the unpredictable Sydney Olympic and Sydney Croatia should pick up their first point at Newcastle.

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Newcastle BHP v Sydney Croatia
Marconi v Wollongong City
Apia Leichhardt v Preston Makedonia
Melita Eagles v South Melbourne Hellas
West Adelaide v Adelaide City
Heidelberg United v Sydney Olympic
Melbourne Croatia v Brisbane United

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THE POOLS

SAT. 26th OCTOBER, 1991

RESERVE MATCHES

RESULTS AND DIVIDEND HOTLINES

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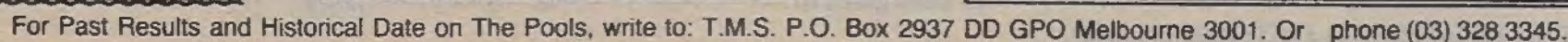
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MATCH RESULTS

WEEK 325

SAT. 19th OCTOBER, 1991

ENGLISH DIVISION 1	CHELSEA	LIVERPOOL	1	2-2
	COVENTRY	CRYSTAL P.	2	1-2
	EVERTON	ASTON VILLA	3	0-2
	LUTON	SHEFF. WED.	4	2-2
	MAN. UTD.	ARSENAL	5	1-1
	NOTTS C.	LEEDS	6	2-4
	OLDHAM	WEST HAM	7	2-2
	SHEFF. UTD.	NOTTINGHAM F.	8	4-2
	SOUTHAMPTON	NORWICH	9	0-0
	TOTTENHAM	MAN. CITY	10	0-1
WIMBLEDON	Q.P.R.	11	0-1	
ENGLISH DIVISION 2	BARNLEY	BRISTOL C.	12	1-2
	BRISTOL R.	PLYMOUTH	13	0-0
	DERBY	PORTSMOUTH	14	2-0
	GRIMSBY	MIDDLESBRO	15	1-0
	IPSWICH	MILLWALL	16	0-0
	LEICESTER	WOLVES	17	3-0
	NEWCASTLE	OXFORD UTD.	18	4-3
	PORT VALE	SUNDERLAND	19	3-3
	SWINDON	BLACKBURN	20	2-1
	WATFORD	SOUTHEND	21	1-2
ENGLISH DIVISION 3	BIRMINGHAM	WIGAN A.	22	3-3
	BOLTON	FULHAM	23	0-3
	BRADFORD C.	TORQUAY	24	2-0
	BRENTFORD	WEST BROM.	25	1-2
	DARLINGTON	SHREWSBURY	26	3-3
	EXETER	BURY	27	5-2
	HARTLEPOOL	HULL	28	2-3
	LEYTON O.	BOURNEMOUTH	29	1-1
	PRESTON	HUDDERSFIELD	30	1-0
	READING	PETERBORO	31	1-1
ENGLISH DIVISION 4	SWANSEA	STOKE	32	2-1
	BARNET	BLACKPOOL	33	3-0
	BURNLEY	WALSALL	34	2-0
	CREWE	SCARBORO	35	3-3
	DONCASTER	GILLINGHAM	36	1-1
	HALIFAX	CHESTERFIELD	37	2-0
	MAIDSTONE	ROCHDALE	38	1-1



THE POOLS RESULTS HISTORY AT 18/10/91 — WEEK 325

NO. OF TIMES EACH NUMBER OCCURRED										NO. OF WEEKS NUMBER OCCURRED									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
36	39	46	28	56	60	40	59	51	67	0	5	3	1	0	5	0	4	2	6
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
61	67	56	63	63	56	63	52	52	62	6	5	4	8	10	7	2	5	0	8
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
E1	66	64	60	59	64	60	78	72	83	7	0	6	1	1	0	12	1	4	8
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38			31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38		
66	64	65	74	70	81	66	65			6	7	10	11	0	1	2	3		

Results History is from Week 38, the start of six from 38 Pools.

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RESULTS OF WEEK 325 SAT OCTOBER 19, 1991

Winning Match Numbers (in numerical order):
4, 7, 19, 22, 26, 35.
Supplementary Number: 1.

UK SOCCER RESULTS AND TABLES

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

Chelsea 2 Liverpool 2 Coventry 1 Crystal Palace 2
Everton 0 Aston Villa 1 Arsenal 2 Sheffield
Wednesday 2 Manchester United 1 Luton 1 Notts
County 2 Leeds 4, Oldham 2 West Ham 2, Sheffield
United 4 Nottingham Forest 2, Southampton 0
Norwich 0 Tottenham 0 Manchester City 1,
Wimbledon 0 Queens Park Rangers 1.

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

Barnsley 1 Bristol City 2, Bristol Rovers 0
Plymouth 0, Charlton 2 Brighton 0, Derby 2
Preston 0, Grimsby 1 Middlesbrough 0, Ipswich
0 Millwall 0, Leyton Orient 3, Wolverhampton 0,
Newcastle 4 Oxford 3, Port Vale 3 Sunderland 0,
Swindon 2 Blackburn 1, Watford 1 Southend 2.
Played yesterday: Tranmere 1 Cambridge 2.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Airdrieonians 4 St Mirren 1, Dundee United 1 St
Johnstone 2, Dunfermline 0 Aberdeen 0, Falkirk 4
Celtic 3, Hibernian 0 Motherwell 0, Rangers 2
Hearts 0.

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

Birmingham 3 Wigan 3, Bolton 0 Fulham 3,
Bradford 2 Torquay 0, Brentford 1 West Bromwich
0, Darlington 3, Shrewsbury 3, Exeter 5 Bury 2,
Hartlepool 0, Hull 3, Leyton Orient 1, Brentford 1,
Preston 1 Huddersfield 0, Reading 1 Peterborough
1, Swansea 2 Stoke 1. Played yesterday: Stockport 0
Chester 4.

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR

Barnet 3 Blackpool 0, Burnley 2 Walsall 0, Crewe
3 Scarborough 3, Doncaster 1 Gillingham 1, Halifax
2 Chesterfield 0, Maidstone 1 Rochdale 1, Wrexham
3 Cardiff 0, Northampton 0 Scunthorpe 1, Mansfield
3 Carlisle 0, York 1 Lincoln 1. Played yesterday:
Aldershot 0 Rotherham 1.

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

Clydebank 3 Ayr 2, Forfar 0 Raith 1, Kilmarnock
2 Partick 3, Meadowbank 1 Dundee 2, Montrose 4
Stirling 1, Morton 1, Hamilton 1.

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

Alloa 0 East Stirling 1, Berwick 0 Stranraer 0,
Brechin 2 Queen's Park 0, Clyde 4 Cowdenbeath 0,
East Fife 3 Albion 2, Queen of the South 2
Dumbarton 4, Stenhousemuir 2 Arbroath 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Fisher 1 Burton 1, Gloucester 0 Dover 4,
Gravesend 2 VS Rugby 3, Worcester 1 Wealdstone 0.

NORTHERN IRISH LEAGUE

Ard 4 Distillery 4, Ballyclare 1 Bangor 5,
Coleraine 0 Newry 1, Crusaders 2 Glentoran 3,
Larne 3 Glenavon 2, Linfield 4 Carrick 0, Omagh 1
Cliftonville 2, Portlaoine 0 Ballymena 2.

ENGLISH 1ST DIV

	P	W	D	L	F	Apts
Manchester United	12	8	4	0	19	4 28
Leeds	13	7	5	1	24	12 26
Manchester City	13	7	1	5	16	15 22
Aston Villa	12	6	3	3	27	18 21
Sheffield Wednesday	12	6	3	2	23	16 21
Coventry	13	6	2	4	22	24 20
Crystal Palace	12	6	2	4	22	24 20
Aston Villa	13	5	3	5	18	14 18
Chelsea	13	4	6	3	23	20 18
Liverpool	11	4	5	2	13	10 17
Wimbledon	13	5	2	6	21	20 17
Nottingham Forest	12	5	1	6	23	21 16
Tottenham	13	4	4	5	17	15 16
Everton	13	4	4	5	15	19 15
Norwich	13	3	7	3	15	19 17
Oldham	12	4	3	5	19	19 15
Notts County	13	4	3	6	17	23 15
West Ham	13	2	6	5	14	18 12
Queen's Park Rangers	13	2	6	5	11	19 12
Southampton	13	2	4	7	10	22 10
Luton	13	2	4	7	10	22 10
Sheffield United	13	2	3	8	18	28 9

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	Apts
Middlesbrough	14	8	2	4	19	11 26
Cambridge	13	8	3	2	24	15 25
Ipswich	12	7	4	3	18	16 25
Swindon	12	7	2	3	28	16 23
Charlton	12	7	2	3	18	12 23
Derby	13	6	4	3	20	13 22
Leicester	12	6	1	5	16	17 17
Bristol City	13	5	4	4	17	20 19
Blackburn	12	5	3	4	16	12 18
Southampton	12	5	3	4	17	16 18
Southend	12	5	3	4	12	13 18
Portsmouth	12	5	2	5	18	20 17
Grimsby	14	4	5	5	15	17 17
Port Vale	12	4	3	5	20	19 15
Millwall	12	4	3	6	17	16 15
Tranmere	12	4	3	6	24	25 15
Sunderland	13	4	3	6	19	23 15
Gillingham	12	4	3	6	19	22 14
Watford	12	4	1	7	14	13 14
Newcastle	13	3	4	6	21	25 13

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	Apts
Dundee	13	1	0	2	29	15 21
Partick	13	9	1	3	23	14 19
Hamilton	13	6	5	2	23	17 17
Morton	13	7	3	3	24	21 17
Ayr	13	7	1	5	32	21 15
Kilmarnock	13	5	4	4	15	12 14
Raith	13	5	4	4	12	15 12
Clydebank	13	4	3	6	21	20 11
Montrose	13	2	3	8	16	24 9
Meadowbank	13	2	3	8	11	26 9
Stirling	13	2	1	10	11	30 5

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	Apts
Dumbarton	12	8	2	2	25	13 18
Clyde	12	6	3	3	19	9 17
Cowdenbeath	12	6	3	3	25	21 14
East Fife	12	5	3	4	25	21 14
Brechin	12	5	3	4	21	19 13
East Stirling	12	5	3	4	29	28 13
Arbroath	12	4	5	3	19	18 13
Stranraer	12	5	2	5	17	17 12
Queen of the South	12	5	1	6	21	24 11
Alloa	12	4	1	7	18	26 9
Queen's Park	12	4	0	8	13	17 8
Stenhousemuir	12	2	4	6	11	16 8
Berwick	12	2	4	6	15	22 8
Albion	12	2	4	6	15	22 8

Big brother movement is fine!

SYDNEY Olympic defender David Barrett is just one of a big group of NSW players who have gained from inclusion in the football section of the awards made available by the Big Brother Movement.

The organisation itself was established back in 1925 to provide a settlement scheme for youngsters from Britain.

Due to a changed perception by the then Minister for Immigration in 1983, the Movement altered its assistance scheme to cover many cultural and sporting aspects of Australian life, as well as in engineering and agriculture.

When it comes to football, young Australian players have been given grants to help them learn more about the game with British clubs such as Manchester United, Aberdeen, Burnley, Manchester City, Norwich City and Luton Town.

They have good reason to thank the board members, council and officials of the organisation, led by a great friend of soccer in chairman Jock McAusland, a former director of the NSW Soccer Federation.

Ray Menzies is the Co-ordinator of Awards, and is one of the regular contacts of the NSW Director of Coaching, David Lee.

Handling the administration is secretary Frank Mansell.

David Barrett was a member of the first group to travel to Britain, back in 1985.

He has remarkably fresh memories of that



DAVID BARRETT IN ACTION

occasion, even though he has had many football opportunities since, including being a member of Sydney Olympic's 1990 NSL Grand Final winning side.

He says: "It was superb. I had six weeks with Aberdeen, and another week with Norwich City."

"I played a couple of games in the reserve team. About that time their youth team won a big tournament in Italy, and were rated one of the best youth sides in Europe."

"Two of the lads I used to hang around with have made the big time."

"Left-back David Robertson went to Glasgow Rangers for a \$2,250,000 fee and right midfielder Joe Miller is with Glasgow Celtic."

"Playing fulltime over there you send over about 20 crosses a day — here is about 20 a week."

Aberdeen manager Alex Ferguson, now with Manchester United, wanted Barrett to come back, but he decided to complete his education.

He gained his Bachelor of Education in Mathematics, and is now in his first year as teacher at the new Westfields Sports High School.

This year he had success as a coach, taking the school under 15 side to victory in the final of the Bill Turner Cup.

Westfields defeated Shailer Park of Brisbane 3-1, and the competition has the biggest entry of any soccer competition in the Commonwealth.

David Lee pointed out that the Big Brother scheme does not necessarily provide for the very best youth players.

"There are many who may or may not be toppers and who deserve the chance to gain a Big Brother scholarship," he said.

"For example some

make it to the Australian Institute of Sport — and others with a lot of ability don't."

"Some go through the youth ranks for NSW and Australia, others are schoolboy internationals, and also there are country players who need a boost as well."

"Certainly the Big Brother Movement's scheme does wonders for many youth players in the game."

In the 1985 intake, as well as David Barrett, were two fine goalkeepers — Paul Jones, now with Canberra Metro and a goalkeeping coach with Ron Smith at the AIS, and Tony Avellino, keeping goal in fine style with Sydney Macedonia.

Others on the list that year were Mineo Bonetig, on loan from Wollongong City to Warilla in the Illawarra due to a long term injury, Adam Carroll of Orange and Alex Cummings of the ACT.

In addition, there were Mike Lardis, recently with NSW premiers Sutherland Shire, and Paul Quarmby.

One of the 1986 winners was Stephane Jee, who is now with Southampton after being with Exeter City.

Others were Chris Ackerley, now with Avala, Jeff Allport, Jamie Warren and David Scott.

In 1987 those to gain experience were Robert Stanton (Sydney Croatia), Peter Bennett (Blacktown City), Jason Higgs, who left Wollongong City's books for Figtree, and Pat Bradley at Bury.

The next group went away in 1989. Brad Maloney, after being with Blacktown City and Canberra Metro, has

joined Newcastle Breakers for the 1991/92 NSL season.

Others that year were Adam Ciantar (Parramatta Melita), Gabriel Gonzalez (Sydney Croatia), and Edward Clune.

Clune said: "I made many friendships with apprentice players from England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland."

"On two occasions I was fortunate enough to train with the Manchester United first team, mixing with world class players."

"I also met Bryan Robson, then the England captain."

In 1990 Darren Elkin and Derek Poirer (both now with Apia Leichhardt), Troy Halpin (Newcastle Breakers) and Darren Bearrow (Lismore Thistle) went away.

Big Brother chairman Jock McAusland regards Alex Ferguson as an outstanding example of British co-operation with the movement's sports category.

He said: "While manager of Aberdeen Football Club he welcomed five BBM Soccer Awardees in 1985 and 1986, giving freely of his friendship, encouragement and knowledge."

"Alex Ferguson has maintained his interest since his appointment to Manchester United and has made it possible for three more awardees to train at that famous club, which won the 1990 FA Cup under his management."

NSW Director of Coaching David Lee is very grateful for the opportunities the Big Brother Movement gives to NSW youth players.

"The so-called stars go overseas and realise that they are at the bottom of the heap and have a long way to go."

"They then make the decision to work harder or give it away."

"In all the scheme provides motivation, reward, and appraisal of standards."



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Tiny Tim sings in key

SYDNEY Olympic's National Soccer League rivals are discovering to their cost that imported striker Tim Bredbury is anything but orthodox.

The slightly built but tough 28-year-old has quickly earned the respect of his Olympic team-mates and has become an almost instant hero for the club's fans.

Bredbury, who was signed by Olympic coach Mick Hickman from the Hong Kong club Lai Sun, has romped to an early lead in the goal scorers list with four strikes in the opening two games.

He posted a double in the opening round against Parramatta Melita and added another winning double against West Adelaide.

"If the doubles come, they come but being unorthodox in my play has helped," Bredbury said.

"My style is different to what the National League teams have come to expect and it's taken them by surprise."

"I knew it would be hard physically in this competition and I was prepared for it," he said.

"But I'll still try to make things harder for the opposing defenders and plan to keep the balls going in."

Bredbury said he had quickly developed a good understanding with the rest of the team and had slotted in without any problem.

He joined the team for its pre-season workout in Darwin Territory sides.

Hickman, searching for the last few seasons for the elusive centre man able to put away goals, is pleased about his new player.

"Having a player like Bredbury, who gets two goals from three chances and hits the post with his other shot, is certainly going to help us this season," he said.

The man from Hong Kong sets himself very

high standards.

Born in Hong Kong, Bredbury found his way to Liverpool in 1979 but spent much of his time playing in the youth sides and made the odd appearance in reserves.

Bredbury served the Seiko, Rangers, South China and Lai Sun clubs in the last nine years and also played for the Hong Kong national team in the last World Cup qualifiers.

He has averaged 14-15 goals a season but surpassed that effort last year by being joint topscorer with 22 goals.

It was when he was playing with South China that he met former Socceroo defender

Robbie Dunn.

"I gave him (Dunn) a video to take back with him to Australia," Bredbury said.

"Australia appealed to me but it wasn't until Gary Phillips came to Hong Kong that he told me that Olympic coach Mick Hickman was impressed with the tape he saw of me," Bredbury concluded.

Bredbury says he was shocked at the lack of publicity soccer received in the Australian press.

That was before his present scoring feats, however.

Now he is very much in the news — and that's how he likes it.

Maestro Arok and his varsity is one brilliant conception

BY GREG BLAKE

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"It will be the first of its kind and I have no doubt it will be a suc-

cess", says Biratz.

"Frank (Arok) wouldn't be involved if he thought it wouldn't be successful.

"If the concept goes ahead it will be tremendous".

Arok, the former long-time Socceroo coach, is the key to the venture.

The outspoken Arok is the key to the marketing campaign for the 'university', featuring heavily in the future of the concept.

Arok, billed as 'Director of Coaching' at the complex, will, according to Biratz, move full-time to Melbourne to oversee the venture if, and when, it takes off.

The whole idea is, however, still in its formative stages.

"We intend this to

be the country's first privately run soccer clinic", Biratz explained.

"What we are doing at the moment is testing the market to see whether the interest is there.

"We have had plenty of interest and we will be interviewing possible students over the next few weeks.

"At this stage we are unclear on costs and details because you must understand that the whole thing is in its formative stages.

"We cannot talk about things we don't know about because everything is unclear at the moment.

"But what we do know is that we are offering full-time, one-year, live-in courses under the guidance of Frank Arok".

Biratz was the organiser of last year's Ferenc Puskas Soccer Clinics at the Keysborough Sports Complex.

He sees the live-in clinics as the logical extension of that, given the number of young players keen to further their development in the game.

"The concept is totally different, with the boys able to live in and be taught by Frank and his assistant coaches every day", he explained.

"They will study the game and be taught in every aspect.

"It is an exciting project".

For further information on the 'Melbourne University of Soccer' telephone (03) 558-1299.



Coach Arok in all his glory

ASF scuttle bright plans

BY GREG BLAKE

THE ASF has directed the Victorian Soccer Federation that it must not press ahead with its plans for a VSF run Youth League, which was set to commence on October 26 and run on through the summer months.

Three ASF representatives, Sam Papasavas, Ian Holmes and John Dimtsis, met with the VSF Board of Management last week to personally re-issue the directive to discontinue the youth league plans.

It is believed disciplinary action against the

VSF was suggested should the competition go ahead as planned.

The VSF Board of Management indicated that it will make a stand on the issue as a compromise deal was suggested.

The VSF-run Youth League was Victoria's answer to an unprecedented number of applications to join the NSL Youth League for the coming summer.

The plans of the 20 clubs involved have been thrown into disarray following the decision.

NSL club Preston, which vehemently disagrees with the principle of NSL clubs having more than one team in the NSL Youth League,

is affected, along with junior and country clubs.

The draw had already been completed for the season, clubs had arranged venues, facilities and equipment and were geared to go.

The clubs on the outer are: Preston Colts, Bulleen, Doveton, Mooroolbark, Northcote, Albion, North Geelong, Caulfield, Werribee, Melbourne City, Port Melbourne, Brighton, Sunshine Heights, Seaford, Frankston, East Richmond, Northern United, Bendigo and Karingal United.

The idea to form a VSF competition came after the ASF rejection of an initial two-division NSL Youth League

proposal.

Last week's meeting was called after the VSF, which insisted that it hadn't been given sufficient justification from dropping the youth league idea, had chosen to go against the initial ASF directive to drop the idea.

Commissioner Sam Papasavas explained the ASF stance on the issue, adding that the ASF, as the parent body and ruling body, must be the final decision-maker.

He said that there had been no consideration of disciplinary action.

"There will be a solution — soccer cannot afford confrontation", Papasavas told ABSW.

"The decision of the commission was that there is no reason to stop having the competition in the winter season.

"Arguments were put strongly that there were a number of clubs available to play.

"But the reason we changed from winter to summer was because we wanted the best players playing at the best times so every other player can come and see them.

"We see it as unfair to start switching all the other competitions (to the summer months).

"All that does is dilute the skills, the crowds and the facilities.

"There is nothing to stop the VSF from turning its Premier League reserves sides into youth sides from next season".

Minnows break drought

BY GREG BLAKE

AFTER missing promotion by a whisker for two successive seasons, Victorian minnows South Werribee have finally broken the drought to win promotion into the Victorian State League for the 1992.

If the name of South Werribee doesn't ring a bell with Victorian fans, they might know the club by its former name, of Prahran Slavia, a club which was a Victorian State League giant during its heyday in the 1960s and 70s.

After seasons of

struggle in the Provisional League, the now Chilean community-backed club has made the first tentative steps back into the big time.

By finishing first division runner-up behind South Werribee the club is now set to take its place in State League division four next year.

Despite losing several players pre-season to newly-formed Argentinian supported Melbourne City and suffering when former Heidelberg star Juan Toro left the club, South Werribee bounced back in style in 1991.

According to first-year coach Patricio Barrera, hard work, as opposed to a typical So-

uth American game based on skill alone, was they key to success.

"Although no-one believed in us at the start of the season, I convinced the players that with honest hard work and a different attitude to the game, that we could achieve more than anyone thought we could", says Barrera.

"I had the total support of the committee and slowly we convinced everyone that this team was going to be honest and try its hardest to do its best.

"Promotion was a consequence of the player's hard work.

"They were the ones that had to win the games".

Negotiations fail

BY GREG BLAKE

MELBOURNE Croatia has given up hope of re-signing 1989-90 NSL Player of the Year Zeljko Adzic.

Croatia coach Ken Murphy conceded that negotiations with Adzic had fallen through and that the player would be staying in Croatia despite the country's internal problems.

Adzic, who left Somers Street on the eve of the 1989-90 finals series to join Dinamo Zagreb, had received offers from both the Melbourne club and his former Canadian club, the Hamilton Steelers.

Adzic had indicated he intended leaving Croatia now that the club was out of European competition and with dismal prospects of the domestic competition getting back underway.

Adzic verbally agreed to Croatia's terms last week but has instead opted to remain in Croatia where an army sports camp has opened to accommodate elite sportspeople.

"I really wasn't counting on him coming anyway", Murphy said this week.

"I just took the attitude that if he came it would have been a bonus.

"But as it is, we are travelling along nicely".

Despite an encouraging start to his first season as an NSL coach, Murphy is not taking anything for granted.

An impressive 2-1 win over Marconi, followed by a 4-1 thrashing of Heidelberg, has not lulled 'Murph' into a false sense of security.

"We look impressive at the moment but lots of teams have started well and finished on

the bottom", he explained.

"I remember Manchester City winning its first six games and getting relegated, so you don't get carried away.

"I was asked by a journalist whether we might be on a roll too early.

"What do you want me to do, ask them to play badly or something?

"The thing is that this is a good side with plenty of ability and what I'm trying to do is tell them to go out and be as confident as they can be".

Of the senior squad only defender Vlado Vanis is currently out of action.

After the opening NSL rounds, Aussie youth star Mark Silic and new signing Damian Mori had only seen bench time, whilst 1991 Premier League top scorer Ollie Pondeljak is still biding his time in the youth team.

GREG BLAKE PULLS NO PUNCHES

Old King Cole is not a very happy old soul!



had the opportunity to see international football and Ron Smith was a fantastic teacher.

"I admire what Len's done but I learned that there's more than one way to skin a cat.

"I've tried to blend what I learned in both areas".

The Heidelberg appointment came about quite by accident.

Cole had an incidental meeting with Heidelberg president Peter Tsaklis whilst visiting Melbourne and asked to be given consideration if there was a vacancy at Olympic Village.

There was and Cole, regarded as one of the club's all-time greats, was given the nod.

"I gave it a lot of thought and decided I would do it", says Cole.

"Now I've decided I'm fully committed.

"Nothing much had changed when I walked back into the place, except that maybe things looked a little older and a little the worse for wear.

"Like a club that had finished third from bottom.

"But the committee has fully backed me on trying to change the face of the club.

"At this stage, the only people who expect us to do well is us.

"I hope we can prove a few people wrong".



GARY COLE IN ACTION FOR HEIDELBERG

GARY Cole's triumphant return to his old Olympic Village stamping ground lasted a little less than seven days.

After steering his maligned new-look Heidelberg side to a stunning 3-1 upset at Sydney's Croatian Sports Centre in round one, the scene was set for the former blonde goalscoring machine to rekindle memories of Heidelberg's glory days.

But Cole's glorious

home-coming, in front of a packed house at the Village, was cut short when the Melbourne Croatia machine went on a four-goal rampage which left the young Bergers in tatters.

Even Cole admitted that the result was an "embarrassment".

But far from being humbled by the defeat, Cole was as cool as the other side of the pillow in the face of the drubbing.

"Don't worry", he assured the Heidelberg faithful.

"We'll still be there.

"We just need a few games to get it together.

"I'm not going to react (to the loss) in terms of tossing everyone out.

"We'll just have a look at a few things and see what the options are".

It is little wonder that Cole is still in the experimental stages of team building.

Six weeks before the start of the season the Olympic Village goalscoring legend was involved in an horrific car accident with a semi-

trailer on the Hume Highway as he commuted between Canberra, his home base for the past three years, and Melbourne.

Cole knows all about fighting back from adversity after a smash which, according to him, left him lucky to be alive.

Only recently has he had the last of his physiotherapist visits and returned to running to stay in trim.

All Cole's team-building plans counted for nought as he struggled

to regain his health after the accident.

Only now, with his face partly — and expertly — reconstructed, is he getting the chance to re-shape the Heidelberg side which slumped to 12th on the ladder last season.

"There's a long way to go — I certainly haven't finished yet", says Cole.

"I'm more than happy with what has gone on.

"Not everything has gone the way I want it to and I've done some things that I wouldn't do again.

"But, as I tell players, the only way you learn is to make mistakes and learn by them."

Cole paid tribute to the Heidelberg hierarchy for backing him during the trauma and doing the best to keep the momentum building in his absence.

Whilst Cole himself was the instigator of the signings of talented Sunshine George Cross youngsters Troy Cranney and Kevin Muscat to the club, the club served its coach well by snaring the prize signatures of Premier League sharp-shooter Sash Becvinovski, from Green Gully, and raw-boned Doveton defender Doug Hodgson.

"The club has been great", says Cole.

"They are backing me 100 percent in getting a team together.

"The team-building hasn't finished yet.

"I want to lay the foundations for a team which can serve the club in the NSL for the next four or five years to come.

"But I believe we're getting a good blend.

"They (the young players) have done really well to date.

"Kevin (Muscat) plays like he's been in the league for ten years and Doug, well the nice thing about him is that he is so keen to learn.

"MacNicol is another one who'll be an asset, a player who can take people on and get crosses in.

"As far as I'm con-

cerned they have done really well to date.

"We've got a long way to go but we're getting there".

Cole, always a keen student of the game, had his mind set on coaching as far back as 1986, when he was "sacked" by Preston Makedonia.

But his aspirations were put on the back-burner when he moved to Canberra shortly afterwards to further his own business interests.

Out of the game for 18 months, he admits that he didn't miss the cut-and-thrust of competitive football.

But when the chance came for Cole to join Ron Smith at the Australian Institute of Sport, he jumped without hesitation.

That, according to him, was as good an education as he might have wanted.

"I went to Canberra with very specific ideas on how football had to be played", he explained.

"I learned under Len (McKendry) methods which were obviously very successful.

"At the Institute I



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Angie settles his differences and is set to make his return



ANGIE GOUTZIOULIS

BY GREG BLAKE

Heidelberg's live-wire midfielder star Angie Goutzioulis has settled his differences with the club and is set to make a rapid return to the senior team.

But Heidelberg will not be pursuing its bid to entice former Young Soccer star George Kulscar to the club.

Goutzioulis, whose contract dispute with the Bergers had him as good as transfer-listed just two weeks ago, played in the club's youth team on the day the senior side was crushed by top-dog Melbourne Croatia.

The young firebrand is one of three players being considered by coach Gary Cole for immediate senior selection following the Mel-

bourne Croatia debacle.

Alan Scott, if fit, is certain to be rushed back as soon as possible and Nick van Egmond is also likely to be looked at.

"Of course I'm not happy", said Cole after the round two defeat.

"I'll be looking at all the options and considering changes".

Cole admitted that the club had tried to woo Kulscar to Olympic Village when the Belgium-based former AIS player had indicated that he might be returning to Australia.

"But I believe he has now signed a new contract in Belgium", Cole said.

"But we are still looking for players and, at this stage, getting an experienced sweeper is our main priority".

The return of Goutzioulis to the Heidel-

berg fold is seen as a big bonus for the club.

Goutzioulis, who was outstanding as a guest player for Premier League club Oa-kleigh in 1991, is, according to Cole, a great asset.

"He has had his head in the clouds for the past few weeks but he's a great talent and we are glad to see him back", Cole explained.

Goutzioulis admitted he had been worried during the negotiations with the club.

"I was starting to get a bit concerned when the club transfer-listed me", Goutzioulis told ABSW.

"It's just great to be back, I only wanted to play at Heidelberg anyway.

"The problems are over now and I'm just looking forward to getting on with the season".

Under inspection!

A delegation representing both the Australian and Victorian Soccer Federations met with officials from AFL (Aussie rules) club Footscray last week with a view to securing the club's Western Oval home as a soccer venue for the 1993 World Youth Championships.

The Western Oval, currently undergoing a \$4 million redevelopment, has been the home of the AFL 'Bulldogs', as well as Footscray's district cricket side, since it joined the league in 1925.

But the Footscray club, desperate to expand the use of the facility in a bid to retain its 'traditional' home ground, has turned to rival sports to share the venue.

ASF representative

Ian Holmes, along with VSF deputy executive director Terry Jones, met with Footscray officials and members of the Footscray City Council last Tuesday to discuss the ground-sharing concept.

Baseball and Rugby League are other sports being considered as co-tenants at the ground.

The long-term value of utilising the Western Oval, which is currently in the second stage of the massive re-development, is seen as using

the venue as an alternative to soccer's 'traditional' home at Olympic Park.

A spokesperson for Footscray said the club was "considering all its options" in a bid to make the ground a community facility.

Footscray's future at the ground looked grim less than two years ago when an AFL-inspired merger with rival AFL club Fitzroy was only averted by a huge community effort.

Worden the king of Malaysia

BY GREG BLAKE

AUSSIE coach Ken Worden's extraordinary run of success has continued in Malaysia, where his club side Selangor last week captured the Malaysian version of the FA Cup.

Worden, who racked up a string of successes in Western Australian football before guiding Melbourne Croatia to its first NSL grand final after just six months at the club last season, has also guided Selangor into the semi finals of the Malaysian Cup, the most prestigious tournament of the season.

And Worden, after guiding his charges from second-bottom to third in the league by season's end, is living the high-life in Malay-

sia thanks to his efforts.

"It's a good life here", said Worden by phone last week.

"It's not the be-all and end-all, but it's great all the same", he explained.

Worden calls his living and working conditions in the country "magnificent", and for good reason.

His two-bedroom, two-bathroom condominium boasts marble floors, a swimming pool, gymnasium and tennis and squash courts.

His \$80,000 per year, two-season contract with the club doesn't include his car, accommodation or bonuses.

And those bonuses can include anything between \$1000 and \$1500 per win, or the \$7000 extra he and every player earned for winning the FA Cup Final.

Nor does his contract include the special extras, such as the bonus he and his squad earned following the cup win, 1-0 over Perak, in the final played in front of 48,000 fanatical fans at the Merdeka Stadium.

"Each team is run by the sultan of the state and they pride themselves on having a successful football team", Worden explained.

"After the cup win we were invited to the palace of the Sultan of Selangor for a reception.

"During the evening we were handed a gift each — all wrapped up — which I thought was a box of chocolates.

"It was a gold watch. "I couldn't believe it.

"As you can see, although it really was a

wrench to leave (Melbourne Croatia) the deal to come here was just too lucrative.

"It was impossible to knock back".

Worden's Selangor side, which includes former Soccerroo Robbie Dunn, former Dukla Prague skipper Pavel Korejcek and 1982 World Cup Finals goalkeeper Karel Stromsac, takes on 'million-dollar' club Pahang in the Malaysia Cup semi finals.

Worden also took time out to wish Melbourne Croatia well in its bid for back-to-back NSL grand finals this season.

"They are a good team and it's great to see them doing so well", he said.

"I really miss the Melbourne Croatia boys and I am wrapped that they are doing so well"

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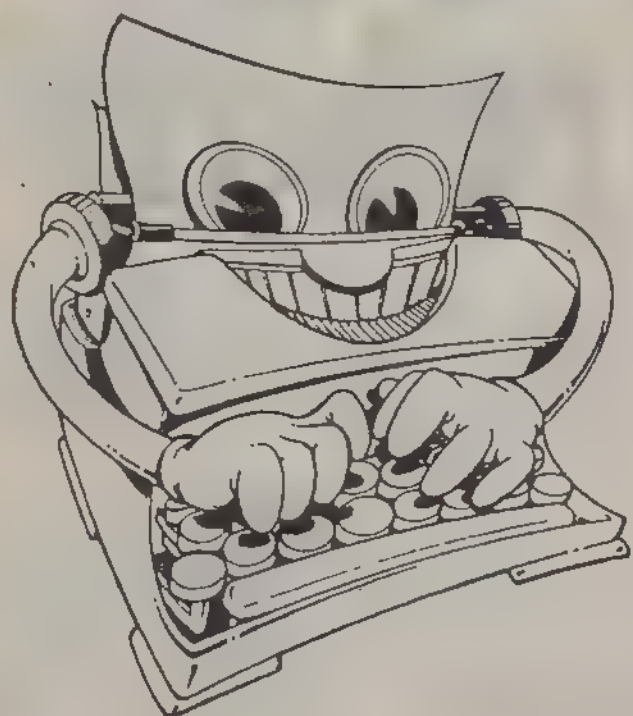
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Danny Boy

NEW Zealand international Danny Halligan has always wanted to take up the challenge posed by Australian soccer.

That's why the 26-year-old New Zealand World Cup midfielder snapped up the chance when approached by Brisbane United to join them for the revamped Australian National League this season.

Halligan is more than satisfied he made the right decision.

"I signed a one-year contract after Brisbane approached me following appearances for touring side Canterbury against Queensland," he said.

"The New Zealand National League finished a few weeks before I arrived in Brisbane, so fitness was not a problem.

"I've had five seasons in the NZ league but everyone knows Australia is stronger and I needed the new challenge."

Halligan won selection in the New Zealand team in 1987 and rates the fixture against England earlier this year as his most memorable match.

His biggest disap-

pointment was finishing runner-up in the 1987-88-90 Chatham Cup finals.

"I've never had the opportunity to play outside New Zealand before except for tours with the national side," he said.

"With Australia playing in the summer, it means we can travel here in our off-season with Australians available for the NZ League while it remains a winter sport.

"The idea of playing in Australia has always appealed to me and I gave a lot of thought to the Brisbane approach before accepting.

"My wife and I had to give up our jobs to come here and there's a possibility I could stay and play State League."

Halligan, who has played more than 40 games for New Zealand, joins Player of the Year Noel Barkley in the growing number of Kiwis who have linked with the Australian league.

Others are Clint Gosling, Greg Brown and Robbie Ironside.

He said it was a pity that New Zealand was isolated from the mainstream of world soccer because it didn't give the players enough international games.

A strange move

BY GRAHAM COOKE

THE University of Canberra has decided to quit the ACT First Division and apply for Third Division membership next season.

"We are going before we are pushed," club president Paul Davison said this week.

The news was broken to players during an emotional club presentation night at the university at the weekend.

"Some of the younger players were in tears," Davison said.

Others are believed to have walked out in protest at the decision, but Davison said it was pointless continuing in the First Division next season if relegation was inevitable under the provisions of the Neame report into ACT soccer.

The report proposes that from 1993 the First Division consist of eight to 10 "major clubs" with junior affiliates based on geographical areas. There is no provision in the top flight for institutional clubs such as the

universities, RMC and the Defence Academy.

"It was quite clear that with our future in so much doubt we would not have been able to attract new players next season," Davidson said. "We would have been hanging around waiting to get relegated."

"At least this way our younger players will have an opportunity to get fixed up with other clubs."

"There is also the question of finance. Even though we don't pay our players it still costs the university \$21,000 a year to keep the teams on the park, and that would have increased next season with the ruling we have to play on fully enclosed ovals."

"There is no way I could have asked for more money for ground hire when so much is going into maintaining the pitches we already have on campus."

"I must say there is a lot of bitterness in our decision. In the six years we have been in the First Division we have won the Federation Cup once

and been beaten finalists twice, we have won a minor premiership and been a beaten finalist in the Ampol Cup — yet we are still considered a second-class citizen under the Neame report."

Davison said a number of leading players, including top scorer Mick Giugni, have indicated they will stick with the club.

"Our aim now is to be the best Third Division side in the history of the league," he said.

There is no doubt the university has been an asset since it joined the competition from the old Canberra League in 1986, and its departure will leave a number of question marks over the competition of the top division next season.

Bottom club Canberra Croatia, the normal candidate for relegation, will now almost certainly be retained, but with Second Division champion Defence Academy already on record as not wanting a place, the question of an eighth team will still have to be resolved.

A very good idea

NATIONAL coach Eddie Thomson is keen to see the proposed new interstate series come into being.

The long-awaited return to a creditable competition involving the states is being currently examined by the Australian Soccer Federation.

Under the structure adopted from the report by Dr Graham Bradley, various officials are involved in advancing important sectors of the code.

The international aspects of the Planning and Policy Committee come under Tony Labbozzetta, national and interstate functions under Sam Papasavas, whilst Jim Dimtsis is responsible for development.

Queensland Soccer Federation president Wallace Dann is responsible for putting the pieces into place to set up the interstate competition.

The Sunshine State has often led in this vital area of soccer development.

The scheme has widespread support in NSW, with state president Peter Gray extremely keen to see the games kick off.

The idea is to play the games in the winter



The Greek Connection: Panathinaikos stars Chris Kalantzis and Lou Hristodoulou with coach Eddie Thomson.

season, dovetailing them in with international commitments.

Eddie Thomson said: "The idea certainly appeals to me, as it would provide a good guide in the sorting out of leading players."

"Some players really look the part at club level, but they can fall into pieces at representative level."

"My view is that the leading states should compete, because to achieve result the whole accent must be on the quality of the players."

"I believe that an interstate series could end up as a big winner for the crowds that would come along."

The obvious Big Four to be involved are NSW, Queensland, Victoria and South Australia, with Western Australia next in the queue.

Other recognised states and territories could examine competing at their level.

Matches could begin in 1992, linked in with national commitments and state calendars during the winter season.

State of Origin series in other codes have been well promoted and become big successes.

The is no reason why top promotion should not put soccer right on the bandwagon.

PERSONALITY ★ PLAYER ★



* ROBERT CATLIN * (Marconi)

NAME: Robert Catlin
DATE OF BIRTH: 22/6/65
HEIGHT & WEIGHT: 190cms, 94kg
MARRIED: Yes (to Jane)
HOME: Manly
NICKNAME: Bobby
CAR: Nissan 'Pulsar Q'
OCCUPATION: Mail Contractor (Aust Post)
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Apia and Manly
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS CLUB: Arsenal
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYER: David Seaman
FAVOURITE LOCAL PLAYER: Jean-Paul de Marigny and David Lowe
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: All strikers
FAVOURITE GROUND: Marconi Stadium
MOST MEMORABLE GAME: 1988 Grand Final Marconi v Sydney Croatia
BIGGEST THRILL: Being selected each week
BIGGEST APPOINTMENT: 1989 Grand Final loss to Sydney Olympic
WORST INJURY: Snap A/C joint in the shoulder
FAVOURITE POSITION: Goalkeeper
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Boxing and Snooker
FAVOURITE FOOD: Pasta
FAVOURITE MUSIC: All music
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Italian Soccer and World Soccer
BEST FRIEND: My wife Jane
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father
AMBITIONS: To represent Australia and to play professional overseas.
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Mark Schwarzer
PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET: Mike Tyson
PREDICTION FOR TOP FIVE SERIES: Marconi, Melb Croatia, Sth Melbourne, Sydney Olympic and Adelaide City

— Compiled by Michael Komadina

For the Old Dart

Four Sydney youngsters will spend a period with major English clubs in furtherance of their soccer careers.

Craig King and Spiro Kladis will find themselves with Tottenham Hotspur, whilst Matthew Heighway and Dave Magrone will be with Luton Town.

The players were officially advised of their awards under the Big Brother Movement scheme at a special function held at the Sydney Club recently.

Craig King, a tall cen-

tral defender with a deceptive turn of pace, is currently with Apia Leichhardt.

Spiro Kladis is with State League club Canterbury Marrickville.

He was probably NSW's most consistent defender in their win in the National Youth Championships held at Parklea Sports Park from October 8-12.

Both Matthew Heighway and Dave Magrone normally play wide midfield.

Heighway is a Central Coast product who was picked up by Blacktown City.

Big action

SOCCER-mad Novocastrians will be well served this summer with no fewer than three teams entered in the NSL Youth League northern division, this season extended to 14 clubs.

Apart from the Breakers, last year's two entrants Adamstown Rosebud and Highfields Azzurri will both be participating again and

interest will be high in the Hunter Region as crowds which flocked to the games in 1990-91 have a chance to see soccer at least once every weekend again throughout the warmer months.

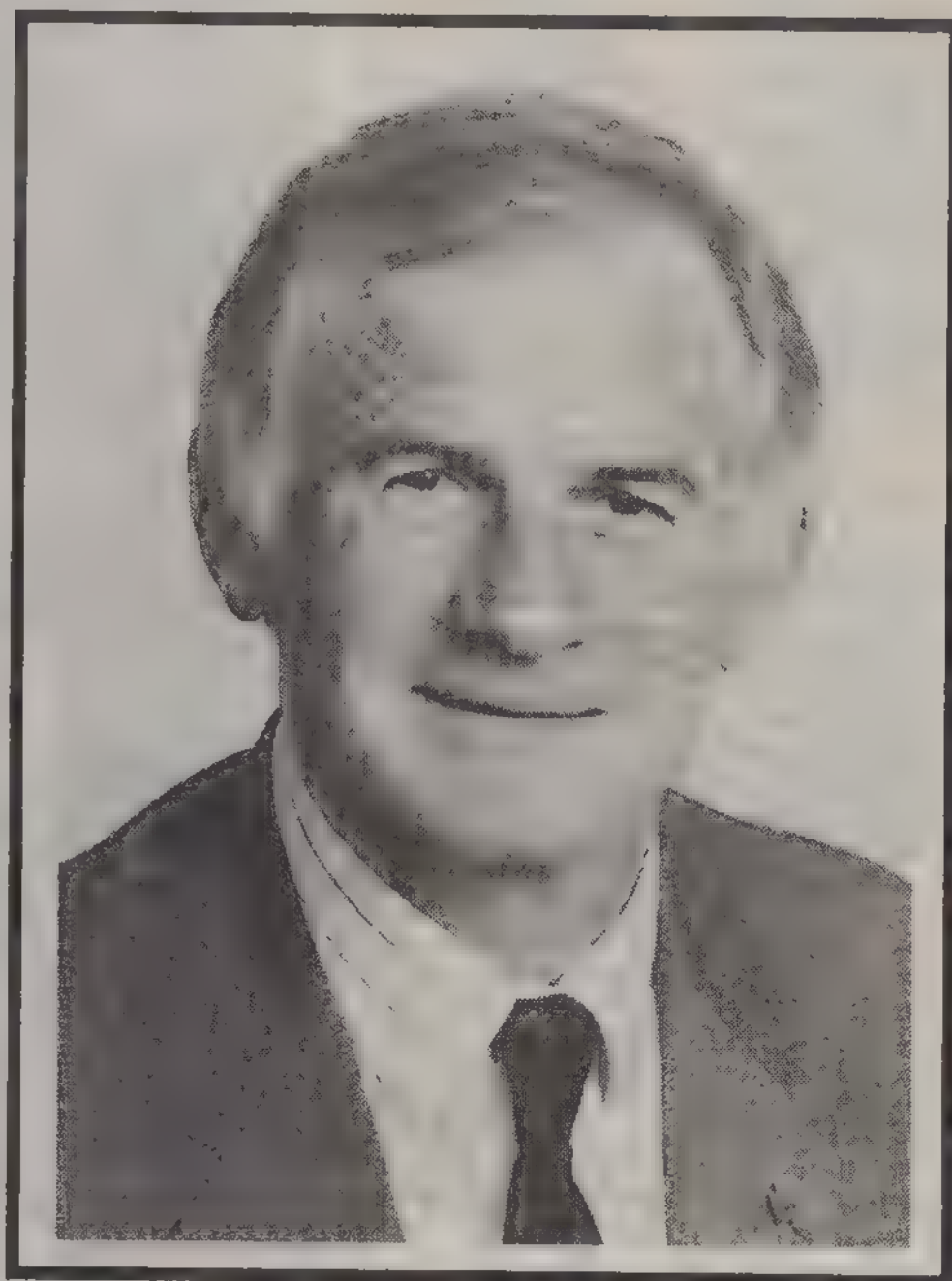
Adamstown, who fielded a raw young side last year, are coached again by enthusiastic mentor David Brady and will be keen to finish in a more respectable position this term, now that so many players have had a full season under their belt.

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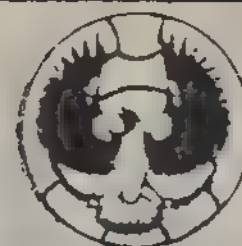
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A real touch of colour

The SA Soccer Federation has added a touch of colour to the under-19 sides in the local summer youth League which kicked off at the weekend.

The zone teams are to be known as the Northern Babes, Southern Rangers, Western Dolphins and Eastern Eagles.

They will be coached respectively by Bob Winner, John van der Veken, Buggy Nyskohus and Steve Baker.

Rangers kick off their campaign with a game against Adelaide City. The Babes play the Eagles and West Adelaide Sharks face up to the Dolphins. Venues and kick off times are to be determined.

★★★

THE potentially historic Council of Clubs meeting has been rescheduled for November 9.

If the proposed management set-up of six elected commissioners and general manager Tony Farrugia is approved then, the annual meeting will be on December 4 to allow time for nominations. If the commissioners' plan is thrown out the annual meeting will be on November 27.

★★★

FOUR SA boys may have the Youth Soccerroos in their sights after the under-17 nationals in NSW.

Joey Paul Agostino (West), Shane Porter (Polonia), John Aloisi and Jamie Perin (Ad City) were asked to stay back from the Parklea titles to go in a brief camp with national youth coach Les Scheinflug.

Adelaide City meanwhile may have latched on to another top goal-keeping prospect from the West.

Vince Matassa, who played for City on trial against Marconi, starred for WA in the youth championships.

Soccerroo Robert Zabica, of course, came from WA to join City.

★★★

OPPOSING West

Adelaide coach Nick Pantsaras is among the first to realise Sydney Olympic could have a NSL winner in striker Tim Bredbury.

The slightly built, but tough 28-year-old quickly has earned the respect of team-mates and has become an instant hero for the club's volatile fans.

"He looks a really good capture," Pantsaras said after two goals from Bredbury downed West.

"He is quick and elusive and very very dangerous in the penalty area."

"We have had a tough draw but we just have to make the most of it," Pantsaras said.

"The early goals we have lost in our opening two games have cost us. We'll have to look at that situation."

West hopes to have fixed up a First Division striker from Uruguay in time for its derby clash with City on Sunday.

★★★

FORMER Foundation SA League leading marksman Ted Briscoe slowly is making the transition to the NSL.

"I've found the players a little faster and a little stronger but it has not been too hard," Briscoe said.

"Playing with and against better players lifts your own standard. I feel I've improved 20 per cent so far."

★★★

AMATEUR League players grabbed the spotlight on Saturday at their annual presentation night at Angle Park Greyhound Club.

But here is the clubs' roll call for 1991.

Saturday A champion SAIA, runner-up Adelaide Rodos. Reserves: Rodos.

Saturday B champion Calabria, runner-up Sturt Marion. Reserves: Eastern Suburbs.

Sunday Div 1 champion The Cove, runner-up Elizabeth Vale. Reserves: The Cove. Relegated: West Beach, Newton.

Sunday Div 2 champion NAB, runner-up



Paul Wilde of Salisbury — Pic Janusz Kamma

Adelaide Eagles. Reserves: Salisbury East. Relegated: Salisbury Florina, TTG, Noarlunga Utd, WT Birkalla.

Sunday Div 3 champion Campbelltown City, runner-up Elizabeth Downs. Reserves: Campbelltown, Relegated: Salisbury Utd, Seaford, Elizabeth South, Calabria.

Sunday Div 4 champion Valley View, runner-up West End Utd. Reserves: Salisbury Villa. Relegated: Athelstone, Munno Para, Blackwood, USC Lion.

Sunday Div 5 champion Post Tel, runner-up Elizabeth Field. Re-

serves: Modbury Jets. Relegated: Modbury Jets, Chilean, Adelaide Omonia, Elizabeth Grove.

Sunday Div 6 champion Latin America, runner-up Adelaide Acropolis. Reserves: Greenock. Relegated: Gawler, Strathalbyn, San Marco, Colo Colo.

Sunday Div 7 champion Eastern City, runner-up Pooraka. Reserves: Para Hills West. Relegated: CS Lusitanos, Vietnamese, Hornets.

Sunday Div 8 champion AFC Butterfield, runner-up Murray Bridge.

Sunday Div 9 cham-

pion The Cove, runner-up Parafield Gardens.

Sunday Div 10 champion Elizabeth Downs, runner-up Para Hills.

Sunday Div 11 champion Elizabeth Vale, runner-up Broadmeadows.

★★★

ALBY Briscoe has won the Clipsal Foxes Players' Player of the Year and top scorer awards in Amateur League.

Defender Nick Mitchell, 21, won the club's best and fairest.

Because of a fixture clash, Mitchell, a former Cumberland player in Federation, was unable to play with the

south side in the Coca-Cola Challenge match at Polonia Park.

★★★

SA will have three young stars in the Australian U20 High Schools squad to tour Britain.

Goalkeeper George Karamalis, defender Mark Yates and midfielder Jim Tsekinis are in the party that leaves on December 29 for games in England, Ireland and Wales. They were picked after SA finished third on goal difference in the national titles in Brisbane.

On standby for the British tour are Richie Alagich, Frank Radic, Frank Tibaldi and Daniel Beltrame.

Goalkeeper Beltrame, whose father formerly played with Juventus, does not play for a club in SA. But Daniel, 16 at the end of the year, is an outstanding sports talent. He is due to go to the ACT with the SA under-17 cricket side after playing for four years with East Torrens. He also reportedly is being chased by Norwood to play footy.

★★★

INFLUENTIAL mid-field player Bradley Armour scooped the pool in Seaford's presentation evening.

He won the Players' Player of the Year and Best Player awards.

Gordon Costello and John Jones were joint most consistent award winners with Steve Martin best team man. Paul Martin was most improved.

Seaford, which only narrowly slipped up in the race for a semi-final spot in the West End Premier Cup, still needs one more nomination to fill its eight-side quota for next month's John Hall Pharmacy Cup. Call Colin Pearson on 382 0641 to register interest.

Port Adelaide holds its presentation night on Friday. That is followed by the club annual meeting on Sunday.

★★★

NEW NSL referee

John Papanicolas did SA proud in the under-17 national titles at Parklea.

His performances were rewarded with him being given charge of the grand final.

★★★

Adelaide City's official fan club, the Zebras, will hit the road from November 10 for the away game against Heidelberg.

For \$53, fans will be picked up at Hindmarsh Stadium on Saturday night and taken to Melbourne with Coachlines of Australia. They will have time on Sunday to visit the Melbourne Markets before being taken on to the game and then straight home to Adelaide by 7am on Monday.

Bookings are taken on 346 1055 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

★★★

ADELAIDE City and West Adelaide could do well to look at an idea similar to NSW clubs of developing suburban zones as well as some country areas.

The interest shown by the SA giants in the local product probably would be much appreciated.

Should the NSL giants help the districts, they, in turn, could be a farming ground for young talent.

A look at City and West's NSL squads this season has thrown up an interesting observation.

Not one player in either squad has come all the way up through club ranks.

Some have played with their clubs for many seasons but most have been purchases.

With City fixing up Yugoslav midfielder Ratko Ninkovic and West negotiating for a Uruguayan striker there again will be fewer places for which club youngsters to aim.

Yugoslavia and surrounds seem a happy hunting ground for City. Seven of the club's past signings have links to that area.

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Mirko magic pleases



MIRKO RUNJE IN ACTION

BRISBANE United goalkeeper Mirko Runje's brilliant performance in his side's recent upset NSL victory over Marconi pleased no-one more than United's new goalkeeper coach Kim Wishart.

Wishart, who played for Queensland for 10 years from 1975, was appointed United's specialist keeper coach four weeks ago.

At the time, Runje was reeling from a horror performance in United's first trial game — ironically, against Marconi.

But Wishart said the former Melbourne Croatia goalkeeper, who quit the game for 18 months before linking with United, was on the improve.

"He's had a long time off the game but he's coming along," Wishart said.

"So far he's done everything I've asked of him.

"The Marconi game was a bonus really — we didn't really expect him to go so well so soon."

While Runje was roundly criticised for his unsteady performance

against Marconi in the trial, he was brilliant against them in Sydney.

Runje kept a clean sheet in the face of extreme pressure from Marconi, denying the Sydney side with a series of brilliant saves.

But Wishart warned Brisbane United followers not to expect miracles from the goalkeeper.

"The Marconi game will have boosted his confidence, but he'll probably have a few highs and lows yet."

Runje said working with Wishart had boosted his confidence, but also paid tribute to United coach Miron Bleiberg.

"Kim's got my handling right and I've got my fitness right, but also Miron's taken a lot of his time to help me," Runje said.

"He's been taking me for special sessions on a Monday night at

Perry Park which helped a lot."

Runje gets his chance to prove a point on Sunday in Melbourne when he comes up against the club that rejected him, Melbourne Croatia.

"After the World Youth Cup, I turned down a spot at the Institute of Sport and played for three seasons at Melbourne Croatia," Runje said.

"But then they bought Jeff Olver after I'd just signed a new contract with them and put me on the bench.

"I eventually left there and spent two years with Croydon in the State League before giving it away."

But Runje said he wouldn't be out to prove a point to Melbourne Croatia.

"I'm out to prove a point to myself more than anything," he said.

"I'm sick of proving things to other people."

GUY HAND LOOKS AT THE SUNSHINE STATE

Minnows will play at home!

NEWLY-married Brisbane United midfielder Frank Pimblett is kicking off two new roles this summer — as midfield general of the new NSL club and husband.

Lutwyche's Prentice Park facilities are below the Queensland Soccer Federation's standard for XXXX League and it was thought the club would have to enter into a ground-sharing agreement with neighbouring Brisbane City.

But Lutwyche President Gabriel Sciarretta said talks were underway with QSF officials with a view to allowing the XXXX newcomers to use Prentice Park for home games.

"Our main objective

is to play XXXX League on our own park," Sciarretta said.

"But as a fallback precaution, we have a couple of XXXX clubs which are willing to let us use their ground — one of which is Brisbane City.

Lutwyche have risen from the fourth division to the top flight in consecutive years.

They clinched a promotion berth behind second division champions Grange Thistle with a 2-0 victory over fellow XXXX hopefuls Inala City in early September.

But Prentice Park falls short of XXXX League criteria in a number of key areas, most notably in pitch standard and facilities for players and spectators.

NEWLY-promoted XXXX League club Lutwyche United are aiming to play on their own field in their first season in Queensland's top flight in 1992.

Pimblett, who married long-time sweetheart Helen Ryan on Saturday less than 24 hours before United's home game against Heidelberg, has been a leading light in Brisbane's impressive NSL start.

After an indifferent local XXXX League season with Easts, the genial veteran has silenced the critics who said he was past his best.

Pimblett was man of the match in United's 2-2 draw with West

Adelaide and prominent in their 1-0 upset of Marconi.

"Midway through the XXXX League, I wasn't playing well and my confidence and enthusiasm were down," Pimblett said.

"I knew the National League was coming up and I wanted to play so I just battled through."

"Everything's paying off now and I'm thoroughly enjoying myself."

Pimblett, 34, is one of Australian soccer's most experienced players.

The English-born Pimblett played for Brisbane City in both the NSL and the top Queensland competition in the late 1970s and early '80s before retiring in 1985.

Frankie in dual role



FRANK PIMBLETT

But the lure of top class soccer proved too strong for the former Aston Villa player.

He returned to the field in 1989 with Brisbane City in the XXXX League, before leaving for Easts at the start of 1991 after a dispute with his old club.

"When I first came to play I thought I'd be happy to make the Bris-

bane City team, but it's all just progressed from there," Pimblett said.

"First the Queensland team, then the Brisbane United side — I never thought that three years down the track I'd be playing in the NSL again."

Pimblett said despite the fact United were a new side, there was plenty of team spirit.

"The players would run through brick walls for each other," Pimblett said.

"There are no cliques and no egos out there."

Despite a less than happy local season, Pimblett said he would probably play for Easts again in the upcoming XXXX League season after this summer's National League.

"I'd be the first to admit that I didn't play that well for Easts this year," Pimblett said.

"I don't think it would be fair to everyone if I moved from them now."

"They haven't seen the best of me yet."

"I think both I and the club have to give each other a good go first before calling it a day."

The big television debate continues!

Football on Television:



The Tide Must be Stemmed

SOCCER fans in Australia who at times might feel a little envious of their counterparts in Europe and South America can take heart from the fact that when it comes to televised football they are as well catered for as anyone in the world — thanks to the magnificent efforts of undisputed leading soccer station SBS.

While coverage in most overseas countries is heavily concentrated on merely local interests, we have become somewhat spoiled by a smorgasbord of the very best soccer has to offer irrespective of where it might have originated from.

Now that coverage of our own NSL and Soccerroo matches is back

where it has always belonged, the soccer jigsaw at SBS is just about complete.

From those unforgettable 28 days in June 1990 and the splendid World Cup presentation from Italy, the Euro-92 finals due to be shown direct from Sweden in the middle of next year, a planned weekly one hour package of FA Cup highlights beginning in January culminating in a live transmission of the final from Wembley, the three hour football fiesta shown every Sunday morning and now Australian soccer as well, there can surely be very little else local fans can possibly yearn for.

It may also have been nothing more than pure coincidence, but the rapid strides made in developing our juniors during the last decade has gone hand in hand with the introduction of

SBS in 1980. All of a sudden, our youngsters were exposed to the many different styles of football played around the globe rather than the excellent diet shown from Britain which they had become accustomed to.

There's very little doubt in my own mind that SBS has played a small but significant role in raising the overall standard of a whole generation.

Having so much to be grateful therefore, I find myself somewhat hesitant in raising a matter which may need to be carefully considered by SBS management in order to avoid any possible detrimental effect on our National League.

With the very best of world football so readily available on our television screens, enough to satisfy the keenest and most fastidious of fans, it makes one wonder

whether there is a risk that attendances at NSL matches could eventually suffer as a result.

Not that I would ever wish to see a reduction in the amount of time devoted to soccer by SBS, far from it. It can also be reasonably argued by some that having seen what football of the highest level can offer, fans will be encouraged to attend more matches.

There must be a real possibility, however, that after three hours of non-stop football served for breakfast every Sunday morning, fans may be getting an oversupply which could satisfy their appetite for the entire weekend at the expense of attending local matches.

Another factor which could present a danger is the undisputable reality that the quality of our game can in no way compare favourably with that which had been witnessed on television a few hours earlier.

The very best talent in the world, shown in action through highly skilled editing which highlights the most dramatic moments can only serve to magnify any deficiencies existing in the local product.

An unfair comparison to say the least but one which clearly illustrates the dilemma being faced. To find a correct balance between the two is very obviously no easy task but this possible potential problem needs to be recognised and addressed.

One answer could be to simply eliminate the repeat showing of "World Soccer" and reschedule "European Football" to either Friday or Monday night. The one-hour package from Italy can then remain as the only appetiser which might serve as a stimulus for fans to attend a local game on Sunday night.

Soccer fans in this country have much to be thankful of as far as SBS television is concerned. If the station can discover a formula which continues to offer its viewers world football of the highest calibre without the risk of jeopardising attendances to our local game, it will be doing a tremendous service not only to football but in the long term, also to itself.

Sydney Radio's recent entry into the soc-

cer family is a move which has to be heartily applauded by all sporting fans and yet another confirmation of the wisdom to change the season from winter to summer.

Those few who still oppose the move to summer soccer — and yes there are still some who do, need to ask themselves whether four hours of prime time live football, including a full description of the match of the day, would have been even remotely

possible during the Rugby League season in Sydney.

Come to think of it, I wonder if soccer's sponsor, who traditionally launches its major marketing thrust during the lead-up to summer, would have seen fit to forge its ties with soccer had the game stuck to the old winter season.

Quite simply, both of these developments are yet another strong vote of confidence in the now proven success of the summer soccer concept.

Trial and error days



ANDY KOCZKA

Trial and error will continue to be the focus for Newcastle Breakers coach Bruce Stowell.

NSL newcomer Newcastle, after a first round loss to Adelaide City, tore South Melbourne apart in Round 2.

Stowell has had little time to get his squad into a well-working machine and his first final three players arrived only a few days before the start of the season.

In the first two games, he experimented with players in different posi-

tions and intends to continue the tactic for another few weeks.

"We've not had much time to get together and it's been a rather ragged pre-season," he said.

"I know I'm taking a chance in switching positions but I need to know their ability in different roles.

"But players like Andrew Koczka, Noel Barkley and Ian Heddle are leaders on the field and the others are learning very quickly the differences needed for National League.

"Heddle is from Scottish club St Johnstone and shows the professional touch, while Barkley with his New Zealand World Cup experience has slotted in very quickly."

Stowell said the team was more than capable of getting better and the squad would surprise quite a few people during the season.

"They haven't reached a fitness peak yet and until they settle into a pattern I can't determine what heights they can achieve," he added.

JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

Italian referees go full-time



PROFESSIONAL referees will earn in excess of \$100,000 per season when Italy goes full-time with its whistlers next year.

And not before time

that the much maligned referees were put on a relatively equal footing with the highly paid players they try to control week in week out.

The days of the doctor, storeman, teacher or engineer going about

their normal job during the day and having a run a few nights a week are well and truly over.

From next season referees will train like professional athletes in a physical and technical sense and be adequately rewarded for these skills.

With Italy leading the way it won't be long before the rest of the world follows.

The physical, technical and tactical demands of the modern era require more and more from referees and linesmen and it follows they must be given every assistance to keep up with those ever increasing demands.

FIFA held a special media seminar during the under 17 World Cup in Italy recently to outline what they are doing to help referees go pro.

The FIFA Referees Committee is one of the youngest in FIFA which the retiring age now at 45 but expected to be lowered even more in the very near future, as the game's demands undoubtedly increase.

"The days of 'old'

gentlemen refereeing are over" the media seminar was told.

"Referees will be truly professional athletes in every sense — trained by various experts in the fields of physical, technical, tactical, psychological and sports medicine".

"They will be trained at 'vital' moments of the day not, as in the past, when they had the time."

To assist in preparing a model training programme for referees, tests were carried out during the Under 17 World Cup to find out just how far, how fast, pulse rates, types of running etc on referees during a game.

An "abitofo" device was placed on referees which enabled dynamic measuring of their movements.

The stats revealed full details — how many times the referee was stationary, how many runs under 5kms, under 11kms, under 15kms, over 15kms, distance covered in backward or lateral movements...

From these stats, physical experts can design appropriate training programmes.

For example pulse rates varied from 120 beats per minute at the start of the match up to a high of 175 during the match.

Sweden's Leif Sundell during the Brazil-Ghana match, rated the finest in the entire championship, covered a distance of 11.5 kilometres (remembering the Under 17 WC were only 80 minutes in duration) which is the equivalent of 12937 metres or just under 13 kms.



This distance means referees move more than players in a match.

Recent FIFA stats showed:

Midfielders ... 12080

metres
Fullbacks ... 11760
Forwards ... 11620
Central Defenders ... 9970
and now referees 12937

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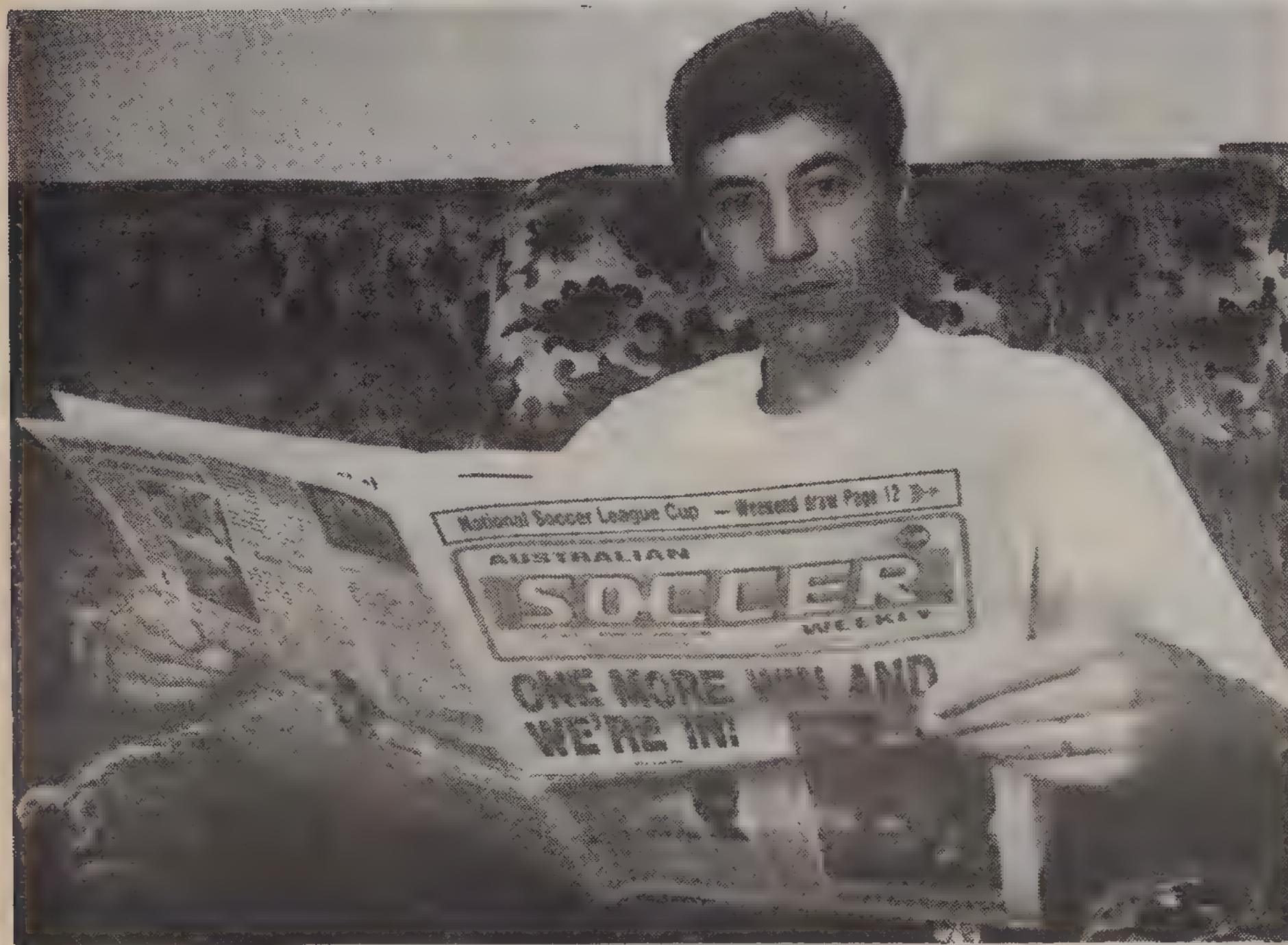
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A story of lumps and bumps!



Ace Olympic striker Zlatko Nastevski.

BRANDON Park Stadium is a magnificent sight lit up on a Saturday night.

It must be a glittering beacon to those ships moored in shallow sea just off the coast at Wollongong.

Sitting in the large stand one can look down to the sea and way up the coast to Thirroul.

The stadium itself always seems alive with people, especially youth.

It is a magnificent setting for a game of football, except for one thing — the pitch.

Sadly, the playing arena is patched and bumpy and difficult to play on.

This makes it hard for the players and even harder to bear for the spectators.

In NSW, playing surfaces have deteriorated since the advent of summer and winter soccer, as well as because of several other reasons.

These need to be looked into by the NSL hierarchy immediately.

Charlie Yankos and the Wollongong defence could point to the pitch as the reason for their ponderous possession play in the Wolves' game against a 10-man Melita two weeks ago.

Yankos looks fitter this season than I have seen him for quite a while.

Of course, he has just finished a season of Sta-

te League soccer with Canterbury in Sydney, which means he is going into his third season strait.

He has firmed down and though still solid, seems more mobile and agile.

Charlie currently looks real good, but will he like the Brandon Park pitch also show signs of wear and tear before this season is over?

The State League season just ended in NSW saw many NSL guest players diminish their reputations.

Whether this was because they were tired, or that they were just coasting in order to conserve energy and not suffer injury, it is hard to say.

The fact was, there were some sub-standard players trotting about NSW State League last year and quite a few were National League players.

Without motivation even good players become very mediocre, sometimes woeful.

Many State League clubs in NSW complained of not getting value for money from National League players.

Many more spectators were not getting value for money either — this to do, not just with unmotivated players, but also bumpy pitches.

Yankos gave Canterbury excellent value for money in the winter.

So did Mike O'Shea for Sutherland.

Both these players are apparently very good trainers.

I can testify that Mike O'Shea is, having watched him in several training sessions with Sutherland.

Nevertheless, Mike was definitely slowing up toward the end of the season, looking jaded, and somewhat weary.

Maybe National League commitment will throw this off, but maybe it won't.

He and Yankos are at the heart of the Wolves' defence.

Some might say they are the heart of the Wolves' team.

There is no way they will suffer coronary break-down, but they may suffer heart stutters, perhaps later in the season.

The centre of the Wolves' defence was stuttering somewhat against Melita, but this was for technical reasons.

Mike and Charlie are great ball winners, but not so good in possession.

Mike's spell at Sutherland was as a sweeper, which improved his composure on the ball.

Nevertheless, between them, Mike and Charlie did not look comfortably in possession against Melita.

Joined by David Green and playing three at the back against two Melita stri-

kers, this Wolves back three, often reinforced by midfielder Sharpley in possession, lacked quickness, direction and penetration.

As a result, the 10-man Melita became a continual 10-man defence, despite making numerous counter-attacks.

The bumpy pitch was a handicap for Charlie and Co, but so was the

quality of play from the back four.

Melita's captain and sweeper is Robert Wheatley replacing former captain and sweeper Washington Gonzalez.

Wheatley is remarkably deft with his first touch and usually makes the correct choice of who to pass to.

His sharp football

brain brings him many interceptions of penetrative through balls into his defence.

He continually intercepted and quickly despatched balls against Wolves.

"Charlie Yankos is a great defender!" says Frank Arok.

"You can't get past him!" says David Ratcliffe.

You can get past Robert Wheatley, though not so easily these days.

A spell last National League season at right back, sometimes man-to-man marking, has improved his defending which was suspect.

So for these two men Yankos and Wheatley, both in their late 20s, is the challenge to become the complete sweeper.

One has to improve the quality of his play once he has the ball, the other to take the ball from attacking more often.

Charlie to improve his first touch. Robbie to be prepared to suffer the pain of bruising collision.

For both the task is not easy.

A good first touch when receiving a ball, often under some pressure not far from your own goal, is not easy to acquire for these who don't have it.

On the other hand not every man suffers pain gladly.

It takes courage, and "courage is the greatest of all human qualities,"

according to Winston Churchill, "because it guarantees all others."

Wheatley is not the only one with a challenge at Melita.

Raul Blanco has his. Hunter, Cerro, Brown, Gonzalez — have gone.

Gomez, Okon, El Ali Wheatley — arrived.

Four for four, that seems fair enough.

But which is the better four?

Davie Ratcliffe has a workmanlike side.

But what it lacks is class.

All teams need class players.

They are the ones who make the difference.

Alex Bundalo would bring a heaven of class with him, if he eventually signs for Wolves.

Meanwhile goalkeeper John Filan is all class, but has yet to push the formidable frame of Tony Pezzano aside.

Tony hasn't conceded a goal in two games.

A class striker is also what Wolves need.

But who doesn't need a class striker in Australia, when so many of them have flown to foreign lands?

Zlatko Nastevski is currently showing his class with Sydney Olympic and he is 33.

There are top strikers around the world younger than that, even though in their 30s, who should be brought to Australia, to win games and to entertain us — as Zlatko has always done.

Our National League needs them, desperately!

NSW are still the champs

NSW retained the National Youth Championship crown with an emphatic 4-1 win over Western Australia in the series final played at Parklea Sports Park.

Western Australia fought back to 2-1 after being down 2-0 at the break, but was unable to maintain its momentum in conditions of extreme heat.

The surprise of the tournament was the way in which the West defeated the highly fancied Victorians 2-1 to set up their spot in the finals.

Adrian Biundo scored both their goals, one from the penalty spot, with outstanding Youth international Kevin Muscat replying for Victoria.

The oppressive weather for the final meant that NSW favoured slower buildups and a more defensive style than was used in their earlier matches.

Ante Milicic, the top scorer for the tournament, opened the scoring in the 33rd minute for NSW, after a fine run up the wing by Ante Moric.

Right on halftime, midfielder Peter Tsekenis volleyed in from five metres to set the stage for NSW's victory.

But the combative Western Australians were not to be denied at this stage.

In the 51st minute their tall sweeper Paul Blackeley went up and converted Mike Riley's corner into a goal.

But then NSW came with a goal that would decide the outcome of a match in any company.

Milicic carved through the defence along the right with a magnificent run, and Alen Stojic finished an unbelievable break through the demoralised opposing defence to volley home past goalkeeper Vince Matassa.

Milicic broke again in the 63rd minute, drilling

his shot under the keeper for NSW to finish 4-1 victors.

WA coach John Ward is to be congratulated on the standing of his team.

Goalkeeper Shane Woods was tested out by coach David Lee early in the morning. He had a great game and contributed a deal to an assured NSW defence which was well held together by Mirko Jurilj.

Chris Kurlesovski conjured up a hat-trick in Victoria's 4-1 win over South Australia to take third place.

Big defender Goran Lozanovski was once again one of the stars of the strong Victorian team.

Sean Cranney netted twice to help Queensland into second place with a 2-0 win over the game ACT outfit.

Tasmania surprised with the ease in which they took 7th place from Northern NSW with a 5-2 victory.

The series fired the first shots in the National

Youth Coach Les Scheinflug's preparations for the Australian team for the next World Youth Cup.

Australia will stage the series in February/March 1993.

At the end of the round robin section, NSW led Group A on 5 points, followed by Western Australia 4, Queensland 3 and Northern NSW 0.

In Group B Tim White's Victorians were on top with 6 points, South Australia had 3, with ACT on 2 and Tasmania 1.

South Australia's outstanding talent Paul Agostino scored four goals in the tournament.

He has been named by FIFA as one of the two leading strikers for the entire World Under-17 cup, contested recently in Italy.

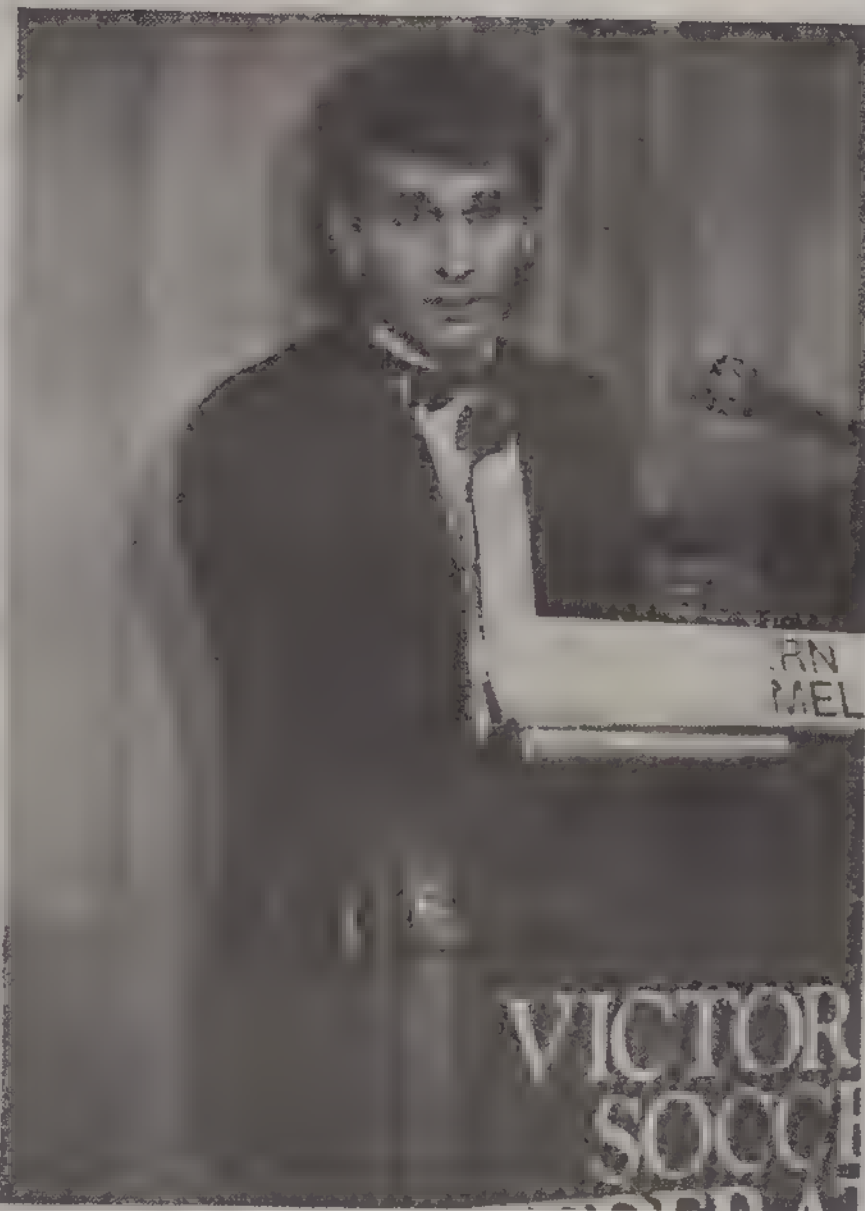
Ante Milicic of NSW topped the scoring with 6 goals followed by Kevin Muscat (Vic), and South Australia's Agostino on 4.

AROUND THE NATION

Fabulous Fab the golden player of the 1991 Victorian season



Fab Incantalupo receives his gold medal



1991 VSF Gold Medal winner Fab



VSF Chairman Vito Cilauro.

The system pays off

Blacktown City defender Damon Langan is a typical representative of the move to extend Development Officers from the NSW State League clubs into the schools and junior soccer systems.

Already all the National League clubs around the state have full-time or part-time development personnel in place.

High profile players such as Brian Ellem (Apia Leichhardt), Andrew Callan (Parramatta Melita Eagles), Gary Phillips (Sydney Olympic) and Mark Bosnich (Sydney Croatia), are all on the job.

In Marconi's case senior coach Berti Mariani has a coordinating role, as does the experienced Chris James with Wollongong City, with former NSL coach Ken Kaiser filling the role with Newcastle Breakers.

Some NSW clubs have had Development Officers in place over the past year, and in particular the personable Billy Pilovski has done some excellent work for Syd-

ney Macedonia.

Much more will be done as the requirements of clubs in the new NSW Super League are put in place early next year.

In recent times Blacktown Demons have utilised the services of players such as Stan Suman and Scott McArdle.

Suman, 21, has already had six seasons with the club after beginning his football as a Nepean junior.

He left the development job in order to concentrate on completing his accountancy diploma at Penrith TAFE.

So Langan has moved into the Blacktown-sponsored job.

Langan, a mature 19-year-old, had developed into a top class defender with a preference for the centre-back role.

He has an excellent rapport with youngsters.

His football began as a starry-eyed eight year old with Granville RSL in the huge Granville District nursery.

Youth League status came his way at under 14, and in addition he was an Australian under 14 indoor soccer representative on the 1987 tour of

the United States.

It was the eagle-eyed Blacktown Youth coach Ken Schembri who spotted Langan with Melita Eagles and brought him across to the Gabbie.

Other talents picked up by Schembri about the same time included another ex-Eagle in Gary Comerford and Paul Bourke from Apia.

Langan moved from Blacktown's under 19s to play one Cup game and club's last two NSL games under Tony Henderson.

He has been a first team regular for the past two seasons.

Langan said: "I'm now getting together my approaches to schools throughout our area."

"I know from my own experience that there are many future top line players out there, and it is great to have the opportunity to encourage them in the game."

The Development Officer policy is taking off like wildfire.

Remember the name of Damon Langan.

He is one of the growing group of increasingly high profile players who are becoming the role models for many thousands of school children.



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It's a football feast

**ENGLAND 3
ISRAEL 1**

In the first match of Sunday's program, England had an easy 3-1 win over Israel.

The Israeli team had a slim chance of qualifying for the quarter finals, but England was an impossible task for this young and inexperienced side.

The British outfit dominated throughout the 90 minutes and scored a comfortable victory.

In the 31st Kwasniewski combined with Geno-

vese and the latter, with a crossed low shot, opened the score for England.

Geovese, again in the 61st took advantage of an Israeli defensive blunder and netted an easy second goal for England.

Ex Melita striker, Foxman, in the 68th after an excellent individual effort left three defenders behind, and beat the English goalkeeper with a powerful drive to score Israel's only goal.

Ten minutes later, Geovese crossed from the right, and Versi from ten

metres added the third for England with a short high shot.

**SPAIN 2
COLOMBIA 2**

Spain was very lucky to get away with a 2-2 draw that put the Europeans in the quarter-finals.

A penalty scored in the last minute by Andres Encinas, assured the Spaniards a place in the second round.

Although the South Americans scored twice

several chances went begging. Spain, however, had very few chances and took advantage of two, mainly mistakes from the Colombian defence, to score and draw the match in the last few seconds.

**CHILE 2
EGYPT 2**

With both teams already eliminated from the competition the match was a mere formality.

Nagi opened the score for Egypt in the 21st.

Rene Licata scored twice for Chile, in the 15th and 34th minutes, and finally Egyptian midfielder Ali Reda converted a penalty for Egypt in the 76th.



IRELAND OVER 35s



GREECE OVER 35s



COLOMBIA OVER 35s

stria in a hard-fought encounter.

The Argentine outfit thus qualified for the quarter-finals.

The South American derby was a very intense affair.

Uruguay had the territorial control, but lacked cohesion.

Argentina defended well and counter-attacked dangerously, but found the net only once, through a goal scored by

striker McKie in the 17th minute.

**MEXICO 3
DALMATIA 2**

Mexico qualified to the quarter-finals of the Ethnic World Cup with a well deserved 3-2 victory over a disappointing Dalmatia.

A hat-trick from "man of the match", Alex Aravena paved the way for Mexico's win.

**ASSYRIA 6
TRN CYPRUS 0**

In a match without much interest, Assyria trounced the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus to finish on the top of Group 3.

Assyria will meet the Stylish Peruvians in the quarter finals.

Man of the match: Spirovski (Assyria), who scored two goals.



TURKEY OVER 35s



PERU OVER 35s



KOREA OVER 35s

**PERU 1
LEBANON 1**

This was a great game, by two good sides.

Lebanon and Peru qualified for the quarter-finals after this draw in the second match of Saturday's programme.

It was a very even game between the more skilful Peruvians the enthusiasm and physical strength of Lebanon.

A well deserved draw for both squads in a match of non-stop action, no speculation.

Peru's goalkeeper Christian Anabalon was man of the match with Clavijo, Bogicevic and Roger Gomez having good games for Peru.

For Lebanon, Boutouba, Chedid and Aboud were best.

**ARGENTINA 1
URUGUAY 0**

Last year's champion, Uruguay, were eliminated by arch-rival Argen-

8th Edition Ethnic Soccer World Cup GARSDALE PARK, GRANVILLE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

6.30pm 4/35 Wales v Turkey
7.30pm 4/35 Italy v TR of N Cyprus

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

1.00pm AA Lebanon v Mexico
3.00pm AA England v Spain
5.00pm AA Assyria v Peru
7.00pm AA Turkey v Argentina

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

10.00am O/35 Greece v TN of Cyprus or Italy
11.30am O/35 Ireland v TN of Cyprus or Italy
1.00pm O/35 Chile v Australia
2.30pm O/35 Uruguay v Colombia

NOTE: AA (All Age) O/35 (Over 35's)



Latest overseas results & tables



OLYMPICS

Sweden beat Israel 2-1 at Vaxjo in a European Group 8 qualifier. Patrick Andersson scored in the ninth minute and Jonas Axeldahl in the 77th for the Swedes, while Israel's scorer was Tal Banin in the 49th minute. Sweden are now virtually assured of qualifying for the play-offs next year to determine Europe's representatives in Barcelona. Australia, if they win the Oceania qualifying group, will have to contend with one of the European countries.

GERMANY

Wattenscheid 2 Eintracht Frankfurt 4, Fortuna Dueseldorf 1 Schalke 1, Hansa Rostock 3 Dresden 0, Karlsruhe 0 Cologne 1, Bayer Leverkusen 1 Hamburg 1, Stuttgart 3 Bayern Munich 2, Borussia Moenchengladbach 1 Nuremberg 0, Werder Bremen 3 Bochum 0, Duisburg 1 Kaiserslautern 1.

STANDINGS

E. Frankfurt	20
Stuttgart	17
Duisburg	17
B. Leverkusen	17
Kaisersl.	16
Borussia D.	15
W. Bremen	15
Schalke	15
H. Rostock	15

Hamburg	15
Nuremberg	14
Karlsruhe	14
Cologne	13
Bayern M.	12
Stuttgart K.	11
Borussia M.	11
Fortuna D.	10
Bochum	10
D. Dresden	10

ITALY

Cagliari 1 Inter 1, Cremonese 3 Verona 0, Fiorentina 2 Bari 0, Foggia 1 Ascoli 0, Lazio 1 Genoa 1, A. CMilan 2 Parma 0, Napoli 0 Juventus 1, Sampdoria 0 Atalanta 2, Torino 1 AS Roma 1.

STANDINGS

Milan	10
Juventus	10
Napoli	9
Torino	9
Roma	9
Inter	9
Lazio	8
Genoa	8
Foggia	8
Parma	8
Sampdoria	7
Atalanta	7
Fiorentina	6
Cremonese	5
Verona	4
Bari	3
Cagliari	3
Ascoli	1

NEXT ROUND

Ascoli v Fiorentina, Atalanta v Cagliari, Bari v Milan, Genoa v Sampdoria, Inter v Napoli, Juventus v Cremonese, Parma v Torino, Roma v Foggia, Verona v Lazio.

GREECE

Panathinaikos 1 Larissa 3, AEK 2 Pierikos 0, Panahaiki 3 PAOK 3, Aias 1 Athinaikos 0, Doxa 3 Xanthi 0, Ethnikos 1 Corinthos 3, Iraklis 0 Olympiakos 0, OFI 0 Apollon 0, Panionios 2 Serres 1.

STANDINGS

Panathinaikos	10
Olympiakos	10
AEK	10
Apollon	10
Doxa	9

SPAIN

Real Madrid 1 Barcelona 1, Logrones 0 Sporting Gijon 0, Albacete 4 Athletic Bilbao 0, Real Burgos 1 Real Valladolid 0, Real Mallorca 1 Cadiz 0, Espanol 2 Tenerife 2, Real Sociedad 3 Valencia 1, Real Zaragoza 2 Osasuna 0, Real Oviedo 0 Atletico Madrid 1, Deportivo Coruna 3 Sevilla 1.

STANDINGS

Madrid	12
Real Madrid	11
Real Burgos	9
Real Oviedo	7
Valencia	7
Sporting G.	7
Logrones	7



Guido Buchwald

PORTUGAL

Chaves 1 Braga 2, Estoril 2 Penafiel 1, Gil Vicente 0 Farense 0, Guimaraes 2 Boavista 0, Maritimo 0 Beira Mar 0, Sporting 3 Salgueiros 0, Torriense 2 Uniao Madeira 0, Pacos Ferreira 1 Benfica 1, Porto 1 Famalicao 0.

STANDINGS

Porto	11
Sporting	11
Benfica	11
Boavista	11
Guimaraes	10

BELGIUM

Kortrijk 2 Charleroi 1, Aalst 0 Waregem 4, Anderlecht 3 Molenbeek 0, Lierse 3 Beveren 2, Club Brugge 0 Ekeren 0, FC Liege 1 Lokeren 1, Ghent 2 Cercle Brugge 2, Antwerp 2 Mechelen 1.

STANDINGS

Anderlecht	18
Mechelen	16
FC Brugge	16
S. Liege	15

HOLLAND

PSV Eindhoven 3 Ajax Amsterdam 2, FC Groningen 1 FC Volendam 0, RKC Waalwijk 2 Feyenoord Rotterdam 3, De Graafschap Doetinchem 2 Vitesse Arnhem 0, Sparta Rotterdam 4 FC Den Haag 0, FC Twente Enschede 1 Roda JC Kerkrade 1, FC Utrecht 1 SVV Dordrecht 1, Fortuna Sittard 0 VVV Venlo 1.

AUSTRIA

Vienna 1 Sturm Graz 1, Austria Salzburg 3 VSE St Polten 0, Admira Wacker 2 Vorwärts Steyr 1, Kremser SC 2 Austria Vienna 2, Rapid 3 DSV Alpine 0, FC Stahl Linz 2 FCS Tirol 0.

STANDINGS

A. Salzburg	25
A. Vienna	23
FCS Tirol	20
FCS Linz	20
A. Wacker	19
Rapid	18
Sturm Graz	13
Vienna	13
St Polten	12
Kremser	12
Vorwarts S.	11
DSV Alpine	6

SWISS

Sion 2 Servette 3, Grasshopper 1 Lugano 1, Ymoung Boys 2 Neuchatel Xamax 0, Lucerne 0 Aarau 0, Wettingen 1 St Gallen 3, Lausanne 2 FC Zurich 0.

STANDINGS

Lausanne	22
Grasshopper	20
Sion	19
Servette	19
Young Boys	18
Lugano	16
Neuchatel	15
St Gallen	15
FC Zurich	14
Lucerne	14
Aarau	10
Wettingen	8

POLAND

Widzew Lodz 0 Slask Wroclaw 1, Wisla Krakow 0 Stal Stalowa Wola 0, Zagłębie Lubin 1 Ruch Chorzow 1, Lech Poznan 2 Zawisza Bydgoszcz 0, Gornik Zabrze 0, Pogoń Szczecin 0, Legia Warszawa 0, Stal Mielec 1 Olimpia Poznan 1, GKS Katowice 2 Hutnik Krakow 1, Motor Lublin 2 LKS Lodz 1.

STANDINGS

Lech Poznan	20
Wisla Krakow	17
Widzew Lodz	15
Gornik Zabrze	15
GKS Katowice	15
Zawisza B.	15

SOUTH AMERICA

with Mario Etchart

A giant bore!

DIEGO Maradona says he is fed up with continual harassment by the Argentine media and wanted to quit his homeland to live in the United States.

"They (reporters and photographers) mount guard outside my house and hassle me all day long.

"I can't take it any longer. I want to settle in the United States," he said in brief remarks to a local television network.

Last month, a representative of indoor club San Diego Sockers of the Major Soccer League flew to Buenos Aires to discuss opportunities in the United States for the former Napoli player once his world suspen-

sion for cocaine use expires next year.

Maradona, awaiting trial in Argentina on cocaine possession charges after his arrest on April 26, said there were people in Argentina who bore him ill will.

"I was out of the country for nine years and now there are people who can't stand me, perhaps because I made a lot of money. I might have made mistakes but my family shouldn't have to pay for them.

"I just want to be left in peace," he added.

Maradona, who led Argentina to their 1986 World Cup triumph, said he would have to obtain special permission to leave the country from the judge in charge of his case.



MARADONA

Brazil troubles

BRAZIL's players want to go to Europe and the country's clubs need to sell them to make ends meet.

It is not difficult to see why Brazilian clubs are hard up.

Flamengo, the country's best-supported club, are so hard-up they can't afford to buy sufficient equipment for their players to train with.

Manager Vanderlei Luxemburgo said as much after his team struggled to draw with the modest part-timers of Itaperuna in the Rio championship and was promptly sacked for doing so.

The club's directors even admitted Luxem-

burgo was correct.

They just could not stomach him telling everyone.

In Sao Paulo, less than a month of the competition had passed before Tele Santana called for the abolition of the state championships and their replacement with a national league.

You can't blame him.

Sao Paulo play in the magnificent 150,000 capacity Morumbi stadium, yet after eight state championship matches, they had been watched by an average of 4,571 people.

Better than Catanduvense, with their 1,022 average, but not what the Brazilian champions might expect.

Sao Paulo vice-presi-

dent Fernando Casal de Rey claims that the club spends 120,000 dollars a month to put the team on the field, yet in a state championship is lucky to collect more than 50,000 dollars in gate receipts.

"Most of our income is not directly from football but from the advertising on shirts, the sale of television rights and excursions abroad," says Casal de Rey.

"At the moment we have the structure to be able to survive without selling players abroad — but I think we are unique in Brazil in this respect."

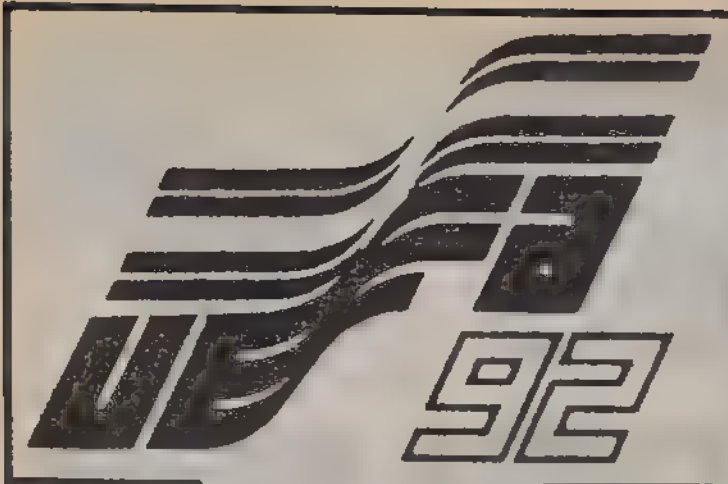
Casal de Rey and Santana are both against the state championship in its current format and want it replaced with a national league.

The Sao Paulo federation have insisted on putting 28 teams into a competition that runs only from July to early December, which means all clubs face two games a week, week in, week out.

Result: too tiring for the players, the supporters get bored with so many matches which they can't afford to watch anyway and half the teams are completely out of their depth.

The national league, as we've mentioned before, is not likely to happen.

That is because the state federations, who, incidentally, are not half as badly off as the clubs, are opposed and that means no votes for the CBF president.



EURO-92 ACTION



World champions Germany kept in the hunt for a place in the European Championship finals by thrashing Wales 4-1 last Wednesday.

Holland, the European champions, effectively guaranteed their place in the finals by beating Portugal 1-0, a 20th minute shot from Richard Witschge clinching the win.

Yugoslavia, widely seen as one of the tournament favourites until civil war blew apart their rhythm at home, got back on the road to Sweden with 2-0 win in group four against the Faroe Islands.

But it was a disappointing day for British teams, with England, losing World Cup semifinalists, scrambling a 1-0 win over Turkey at Wembley.

Wales were reduced to 10 men when striker Dean Saunders was sent off in the 50th minute for a lunging tackle on Thomas Doll.

Humiliated 1-0 by the Welsh in Cardiff last June, the Germans took their revenge in the group five qualifier with goals by Andreas Moeller, Rudi Voeller and Karl-Heinz Riedle in an 11-minute burst before halftime.

Germany must still beat Belgium and Luxembourg to be sure of qualifying while Wales, who play Luxembourg, have to win and then wait and hope that the Germans falter again.

England's chances were boosted when group seven rivals Poland and Ireland battled to a 3-3 draw in Poznan. Ireland, who play Turkey next, led 3-1 until the last 13 minutes.

Scotland gave away a penalty in the 73rd minute and went down 1-0 to Romania.

It was their first defeat in seven group two qualifying matches and was a major blow to their hopes of making the finals for the first time.

Switzerland are now group favourites.

In other results, Northern Ireland beat Austria 2-1, Bulgaria stopped San Marino 4-0 and Czechoslovakia beat Albania 2-1.

None of these results had any bearing on the Euro-92 finals as the countries involved have long been eliminated.

RESULTS

GROUP 1: Czechoslovakia 2 (Kula, Lancz) Albania 1 (Zmigani) at Olomouc. Crowd: 2,366.

GROUP 2: Bulgaria 4 (Valentini og, Stoichkov, Yankov, Iliev) San Marino 0 at Sofia. Crowd: 8,000.

Romania 1 (Hagi) Scotland 0 at Bucharest. Crowd: 30,000.

GROUP 4: Northern Ireland 2 (Dowie, Kingsley) Austria 1 (Lainer) at Belfast. Crowd: 5,500.

Faroe Islands 0 Yugoslavia 2 (Jugovic, Savicevic) at Landskrone. Crowd: 2,485.

GROUP 5: Germany 4 (Moller, Voller, Riedle, Doll) Wales 1 (Bodin) at Nuremberg. Crowd: 46,000.

GROUP 6: Holland 1 (Witschge) Portugal 0 at Rotterdam. Crowd: 50,000.

GROUP 7: England 1 (Smith) Turkey 0 at Wembley. Crowd 50,896.

Poland 3 (Czachowski, Furtok, Urban) Ireland 3 (McGrath, Townsend, Casarino) at Poznan. Crowd: 17,000.

RAPID GO PUBLIC!

HEADLINE-MAKERS are once again Rapid Vienna, Austria's record champions (29 titles).

They are the first club in Austria to become a share holding company and hope, with the support of a private bank, to wipe out their colossal debts.

Some 60,000 shares were offered for sale to float on the Stock Exchange, each costing a thumping \$110.

Rapid hope to take \$7 million from this initiative by their vice-president Scender Fandi, often called the "grey eminence" of Austrian football.

This lawyer was also behind all the big transfers in Austria's recent history.

IN THE CLEAR

TOURNAMENT promoter Hugo Bandi has been given the all-clear by CONCACAF after an inquiry into allegations concerning the first Central American Nations' championship.

Bandi was furious about bribery accusations levelled by the Honduras goalkeeper, Belarmino Rivera.

Chuck Blazer, the CONCACAF general secretary, carried out an investigation into the matter, which centred on Honduras' 2-1 win over El Salvador.

He concluded that the allegations were totally without foundation.

Subsequently the Honduran Federation apologised to Bandi over what it termed "a misunderstanding."

Bandi said: "I'm delighted to have been vindicated. I consider I have an impeccable reputation all over the world and I was very upset that anyone should make such claims against me."

DOLCE VITA

Italian fans are to be asked to compose soothing messages which can be flashed up on stadium screens in a bid to dampen crowd violence.

Newspapers will regularly publish coupons on which fans can compose their peaceful slogans.

The best will be selected for use in a campaign against violence backed by the Ministry of Tourism, Milan city authorities and Italian league officials.



Ecuadoran ace Holger Quinonez in action at the recent Copa America in Chile. Ecuador's most revered player is standing for Council elections in Guayaquil this week. He's a shoo-in to be voted into office.

Soccer tops viewing figures

LAST year's World Cup finals in Italy attracted more than 26 billion TV-viewers.

Here are some figures from various major sporting events in the past few years — note that this is not a list of "league leaders," but merely some examples.

	Year	Countries	Viewers
★ Soccer World Cup (52 matches)	1990	167	26,693,000,000
★ Soccer World Cup (52 matches)	1986	166	13,507,000,000
★ Olympic Games (16 days)	1988	160	10,400,000,000*
★ Winter Olympics (16 days)	1988	64	6,560,000,000*
★ Formula 1 Grand Prix (16 races)	1990	76	4,000,000,000
★ World Athletics Championship (8 days)	1991	107	3,310,000,000
★ Soccer Europ. Championship (15 matches)	1988	119	3,036,000,000
★ World Athletics Championship (8 days)	1987	114	2,348,000,000
★ Wimbledon (15 days)	1990	71	451,000,000

EVEN for a one-day event, it was the World Cup in Italy that attracted the most TV viewers — the final between West Germany and Argentina was watched by over a billion people.

Here are some examples of one-off events:

	Year	Countries	Viewers
★ Soccer World Cup Final	1990	167	1,062,000,000
★ Soccer World Cup Final	1986	166	651,929,000
★ European Cup Final	1991	117	526,115,000
★ Olympic Opening Ceremony	1988	160	460,000,000
★ Cup-Winners Cup Final	1991	112	409,863,000
★ Soccer European Championship Final	1988	119	381,678,000
★ Winter Olympic Opening Ceremony	1988	60	270,000,000
★ Superbowl — USA	1991	1	79,500,000
★ Superbowl — rest of world	1991	59	100,000,000*
★ Royal Wedding (England)	1981	117	420,000,000

*ESTIMATED

SACK FOR HEYNCKES



Struggling Bayern Munich have sacked coach Jupp Heynckes and named former Danish international Soren Lerby as his replacement.

Heynckes had been at the club for more than four years and his contract was due to run until 1993.

But Bayern, German club champions a record 12 times, are having a mediocre 1992/93 season.



Laurent Debrosse, one of France's most outstanding young prospects, in action for his club Lyon in their first round UEFA Cup win over Oster of Sweden. Lyon meet Trabzonspor of Turkey next.

OBITUARY

■ **WALTER ZEMAN**, one of Europe's finest goalkeepers in the 1950s, died in Vienna aged 64. Zeman was nicknamed the Glasgow Tiger thanks to his display when Austria won 1-0 at Hampden in 1950. He played 41 times for Austria between 1947 and 1960 and kept goal for the World XI in the 4-4 draw against England at Wembley in 1953.

■ **KAROLY SOOS**, one of Hungary's top coaches in the 1950s and 1960s, died, in Budapest aged 82. Soos had spells as national and Olympic team manager before moving to develop the game in East Germany in the 1960s.

■ **WILLIE THORNTON**, one-time Rangers favourite, aged 71. Thornton was a popular centre forward between 1936 and 1954. He scored 188 goals in 303 matches and forged a great attacking partnership with winger Willie Waddell. Thornton later managed Dundee and Partick Thistle before becoming Rangers' assistant manager during Waddell's spell as manager. Thornton won the Military Medal while serving with the Duke of Atholl's Highlanders in Italy during the second world war.

FIFA moots changes for USA in 1994

FIFA will ban passes back to the goalkeeper and introduce professional referees for the 1994 World Cup.

The changes were announced by FIFA president Joao Havelange and secretary general Joseph Blatter.

Blatter said the back-passing rule had been tested in the recent Under-17 World Championship in Italy with excellent results.

"The game becomes much more attractive, the goalkeepers have much less opportunity to waste time", he said.

As for the referees, Blatter recognised that "it will be 1995 before all our affiliated associations have professional referees".

Havelange meanwhile raised the issue of the 2002 tournament, saying that if the 1998 World Cup goes to a favourite France, the following one should be organised in Asia.

"The most active candidate is Japan, which has already filed its application.

"But South Korea, Malaysia, China and Saudi Arabia are also potentially interesting candidates", Havelange said.

IVAN THE TERRIBLE!

CHILEAN striker Ivan Zamorano — nicknamed Ivan the Terrible — is fast establishing himself among the select band of top hit-men in Spain.

His five goals for Chile in the Copa America made him runner-up to six-hitter Gabriel Batistuta and attracted a string of summer offers which Luis Cerveras, the Sevilla president, shrugged aside with a terse "not available" and a reminder that Ivan, the club's record signing, is under contract until June 30 1994.

Yet barely four years ago Zamorano was going for a song.

Having been signed by Bologna, he had his feathers ruffled by the brash, no-nonsense approach of coach Luigi Maifredi and, almost before he'd had time to say arrivederci, had been rated so terrible that he was sent to graze in the quieter pastures of Swiss club St Gallen.

"The Swiss are a bit too cold for my liking," he recalls.

"But I learned a great deal and I became something of an idol. More important, I regained the self-confidence which had been shattered by going to Italy when I was too young to cope."

Two seasons at St Gallen promoted him to the Swiss roll of honour with 18 goals and then 23.

Then Sevilla bid \$3m plus a basic wage of nearly \$7,000 a week.

All of which was scarcely imaginable for the youngster born in the Santiago suburb of Maipu and, like most inhabitants of the Chilean capital, a keen follower of Colo Colo.

But young Ivan had to travel 1,250 km to get



IVAN ZAMORANO

his first break as a pro footballer — with Cobresal, way up in the Calama copper-mining belt.

Even then he spent his first season on loan to Cobresal, where he hit 27 goals.

Back at Cobresal, he weighed in with 18 and a chart-topping 25 having, in the meantime, made his national team debut at the age of 19.

"More importantly, I learned how to jump for a ball and head it," he said.

Then came the mo-

ves to Italy, Switzerland and finally Spain — although Zamorano claims he lost money by turning down offers from Germany and France and opting instead to team up with fellow Chilean Vicente Cantatore.

"I feel as though I'm learning and maturing," says Zamorano, who is 24 but still lives with mum and auntie in the Andalusian capital. "I think I'm right for the big time now."

— from
WORLD SOCCER



Torino's Belgian ace Enzo Scifo (left) does battle with Corradini of Napoli in the recent Italian league 0-0 draw. Both clubs are performing well this season.



Uruguayan star Ruben Sosa. Left out of his national team for the Copa America last July, the brilliant South American is starring week in week out for Genoa.

South Africa waits

South Africa's isolation from world soccer will continue for the foreseeable future after it was finally ruled out of the 1994 World Cup.

The South Africans failed to meet the August 30 deadline to present a united front to the African Football Federation, CAF, and have consequently seen their application for affiliation rejected by the body's assembly general.

The problem is that South African Football Association (SANA) and the South African National Football Association (SANFA) have failed to bury their differences and form a single body to represent the sport in the Republic.

And even if a CAF delegation, which is to travel to South Africa in November, came back

convinced that all is well and recommended affiliation at next year's assembly general in Dakar, the timetable is such that South Africa could not be reintegrated into FIFA before the 1994 qualifiers were well underway.

CAF spokesman Vyken Djimedjian, whose brother resides in Australia, said at the organisation's Cairo headquarters today: "We had expected someone to come from South Africa to put their case, but no-one turned up."

"The problem is that SAFA, who are the majority and group together three federations, insist that the

sport is integrated, but the SANFA have told us that it is not."



A fact-finding mission led by CAF executive committee member Ismail Bhamjee of Botswana was unconvinced by SAFA's arguments and recommended rejection of the application.

TANJU MOVE HAS SPLIT IS TANBUL

Galatasaray fans remain in a state of shock after the \$3 million transfer of striker Tanju Colak to Istanbul rivals Fenerbahce. And with good reason.

Tanju had scored 107 League goals since joining Galatasaray from Samsunspor in 1987, and claimed almost half the team's total over the past four seasons.



TANJU COLAK

In his first year in Galatasaray's red and yellow stripes he proved an instant hit. His 39 goals helped the club to the championship and won him the Adidas Golden Boot as Europe's top league goalscorer.

As last season drew to its close, Tanju appeared set to become the continent's leading marksman again.

Five against Aydinspor on the last day of the season took him to 31 and gave him the lead in the Adidas Golden Boot race, but he was overtaken by Red Star Belgrade's Darko Pancev.

Inevitable

Tanju could console himself with second place in the league and an inevitable goal in Galatasaray's 3-1 Cup Final victory over Ankaragucu.

At the time of his 1988 Adidas Golden Boot triumph, he spoke of a "revolution" among the club's supporters if he ever left Galatasaray.

The wording of that prediction might seem exaggerated, but today Tanju can verify the anger his eventual departure provoked... even though he brought the club a Turkish record fee.

Fenerbahce finished last season in a poor fifth place and the president hopes improved fortunes will result from the arrivals of Tanju, ex-Aston Villa manager Joe Venglos, and Romanian star Dan Petrescu.

UKRAINE TO GO IT ALONE

Ukraine is to have its own national competition next year.

The republic of 55 million inhabitants, which will soon vote for independence from the Soviet Union, will also field its own national team at the completion of the current USSR national side's commitments at the Barcelona Olympics and Euro-92 finals.

After that Ukraine will stand on its own, according to the president of the Ukrainian Federation Viktor Bannikov, the former goalkeeper of Dynamo Kiev.

There is no lack of top players to make Ukraine a football power of its own right, with clubs like Dynamo Kiev, Dnepr, Cernomorets and Rostock providing world-class players.

A team of Ukrainian players now operating abroad would also be in world class.

Just have a look at the Ukrainian players now playing their trade with foreign clubs:

■ **Germany:** Belanov (Eintracht, Frankfurt), Demanienko (Magdeburg), Yaremchuk (Rot Weiss Essen), Lhuxty (Duisburg).

■ **England:** Baltacha (Ipswich), Cherednick (Southampton), Kanchevskis (Manchester United).

■ **Austria:** Chokh (Linz AK).

■ **Scotland:** Kutnetzov (Rangers), Mikhailichenko (Rangers).

■ **France:** Zavarov (Nancy), Son (Ajaccio).

■ **Greece:** Blokhin (coach Olympiakos), Litovchenko (Olympiakos), Protasov (Olympiakos).

■ **Hungary:** Rats (Ferencváros).

■ **Israel:** Chanov (Maccabi Haifa).

■ **Poland:** Goshkoderia, Yurchenko (both Stal Stalowa Wola).

■ **Portugal:** Yuran (Benfica).

■ **Sweden:** Andreyev (Oster), Evtuchenko (AIK Stockholm).

■ **Switzerland:** Dobrovolski (Servette).

■ **Turkey:** Wichniewski (Sarıyer).

— LOU GAUTIER

136 Entries for the 1994 World Cup

OF the 165 member associations of FIFA, 136 had sent in their entries by the deadline of September 15 for the qualifying rounds leading up to the World Cup in USA in 1994.

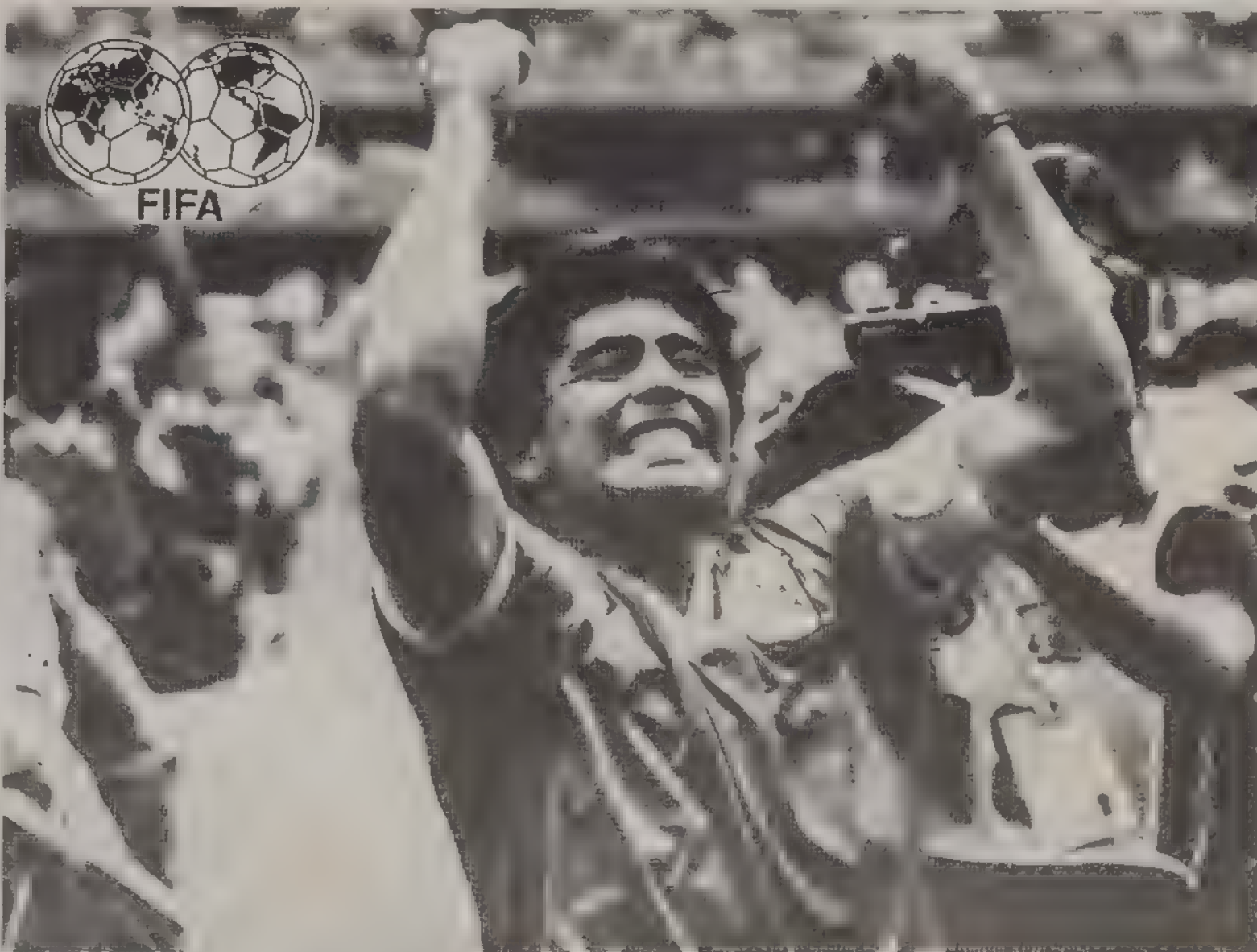
The belated enrolments from Mauretania, Mozambique, Vietnam and Swaziland will be debated by the FIFA Organising Committee due to be held in New York on December 6.

The group draw for the qualifying rounds will take place in

New York on December 8.

With all 35 of its Associations having entered, the European Football Union (UEFA) leads the field of contestants. Africa follows with 34, Asia with 27, North and Central America with 23, South America with 9, Oceania with 7 Associations and Israel that was allocated to Europe.

USA, the host country, and Germany, the defending champions, automatically qualify for the final competition.



Diego Maradona celebrates Argentina's 1986 World Cup triumph. A record 136 FIFA members have entered for the 1994 competition.

ASIA	AFRICA	CONCACAF	CONMEBOL	EUROPE/ISRAEL	OCEANIA
					
Members: 36 Entries: 27	Members: 48 Entries: 34	Members: 27 Entries: 23	Members: 10 Entries: 9 Argentina	Members: 35 + 1 Entries: 35 + 1	Members: 8 Entries: 7 Australia
Bahrain Bangladesh China PR Chinese Taipei India Indonesia Iran Iraq Japan Jordan Korea DPR Korea Republic Kuwait Lebanon Macao Malaysia Oman Pakistan Qatar Saudi Arabia Singapore Sri Lanka Syria Thailand United Arab Emirates Yemen	Algeria Angola Botswana Burkina Faso Burundi Cameroun Congo Côte d'Ivoire Egypt AR Ethiopia Gabon Gambia Ghana Guinea Kenya Liberia Libya Madagascar Malawi Mali Morocco Niger Nigeria São Tomé e Príncipe Senegal Sierra Leone Sudan Tanzania Togo Tunisia Uganda Zaire Zambia Zimbabwe	Antigua Barbados Bermuda Canada Costa Rica Cuba Dominican Republic El Salvador Guatemala Guyana Haiti Honduras Jamaica Mexico Netherlands Antilles Nicaragua Panama Puerto Rico Saint Lucia St Vincent and the Grenadines Surinam Trinidad and Tobago USA	Bolivia Brazil Colombia Ecuador Paraguay Peru Uruguay Venezuela	Albania Austria Belgium Bulgaria Cyprus Czechoslovakia Denmark England Faroe Islands Finland France Germany Greece Hungary Iceland Ireland Northern Ireland Republic Israel Italy Liechtenstein Luxembourg Malta Netherlands Norway Poland Portugal Romania San Marino Scotland	Fiji New Zealand Solomon Islands Tahiti Vanuatu Western Samoa Excused: Papua New Guinea
Late entry: Vietnam	Excused: Mauritius Late entry: Mauritania Mozambique Swaziland	Excused: Aruba Grenada	Suspended: Chile	Spain Sweden Switzerland Turkey USSR Wales Yugoslavia	



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RING OF STEEL



MANCHESTER UNITED and Liverpool fans face a ring of steel when they go into Europe this week.

Spanish and French police have made massive security arrangements for the visits to Madrid and Auxerre.

The authorities are still jittery about Brit supporters despite little trouble reported since the return to Europe.

Police and security guards will outnumber United's official fans at tomorrow's Cup Winners' Cup clash with Atletico Madrid.

FEARED

Some 2,750, double the usual number, will be on duty even though United are taking under 1,000 fans on the official trip.

In Auxerre three units of France's feared military police have been called up to help the regular police ring the small ground for Wednesday's UEFA Cup game with Graeme Souness's men.

Liverpool have been allowed only 900 places in the 15,000 crowd.

The usual capacity of 20,000 has been reduced as part of the security operation.

Freelance fans are the main concern, and the Spanish way of dealing with them is different to France.

Atletico will sell tickets to United fans on the day at two special gates manned by English speakers with metal detectors.

In France, only people with tickets will get any further than the police cordons.



IAN RUSH: headed for France with Liverpool.

CAPTAIN BLOOD

COURAGEOUS captain Richard Gough made a shock comeback last weekend to help blast Rangers back on top of the Premier League.

But after demolishing title rivals Hearts, Ibrox boss Walter Smith revealed his star defender still CANNOT be guaranteed to play every game.

Hepatitis-victim Gough has missed the last six games and Smith said: "His blood count is still high and we can only play him with his specialist's permission."

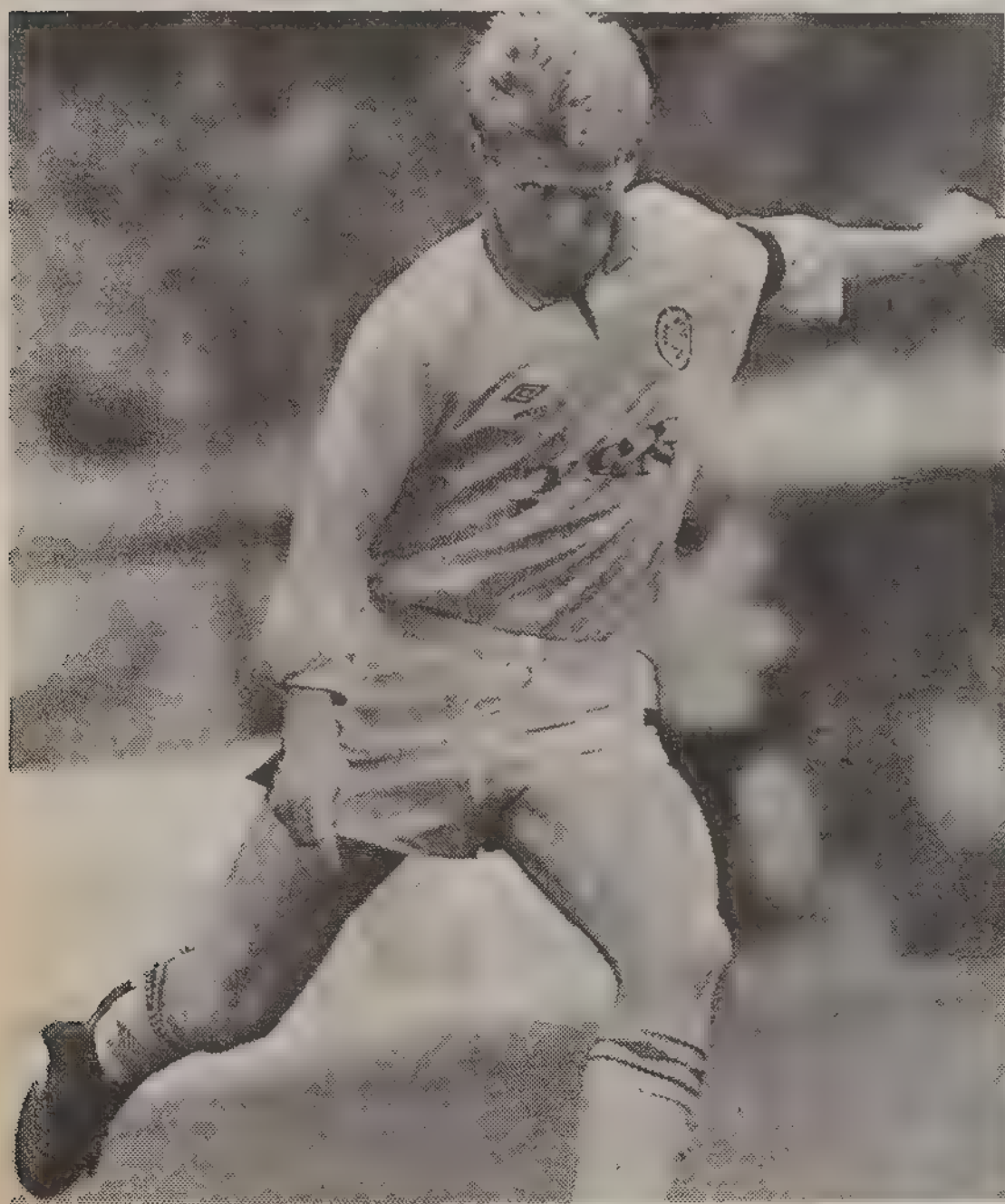
"We wouldn't take any risks without approval and he'll be monitored every week. He's been warned the count could go up again."

The Rangers chief added: "We've asked if he can play several times and been told 'no'. But with John McGregor falling ill, we had no option but to go back to the specialist and it was agreed he could play last Saturday."

Meanwhile, Hearts' giant centre-half Dave McPherson is being lined-up for a move to German giants Bayern Munich and they'll try to sign him before his contract ends next June.

Bayern, who already have fellow-Scot Alan McInally on their books, eyed Big Mac in his impressive performance against Romania last Wednesday where he stamped himself as Scotland's first choice.

WEE GORD EYES UP FINAL FLING



GORDON STRACHAN

SCOTLAND skipper Gordon Strachan is still sniffing the Swede smell of success!

The little Leeds dynamo set Scotland off to the 1982 World Cup when he cracked in his first-ever international goal in a qualifier in Stockholm 10 years ago.

And his career will go full circle if he leads the team into the European Finals in Sweden next year — and he insists that is still on the cards despite Scotland's Black Wednesday in Bucharest.

"I'm certainly not booking my holidays around that time," says Strachan. "There's still a lot of football to be played before Group Two is decided — and nobody can rule us out."

Rejuvenated Strachan, who has made an astonishing comeback with Leeds on his fabled diet of bananas and porridge at 34, has been the inspirational figure Andy Roxburgh has

needed to guide his team.

The one big regret must be that Strachan wasn't in the squad for the World Cup last year.

That gap has left the former Aberdeen and Manchester United ace catching up on his caps but with 48 he's near his 50th appearance and a place in the Hall of Fame.

But Gordon revealed that another golden oldie — 36-year-old former Rangers and Northern Ireland centre-half John McClelland has given him a helping hand in his return.

"We're the grand old men in the team so we help each other out."

Scotland chief Andy Roxburgh has promised snubbed Hearts ace John Robertson that he will figure against minnows San Marino.

Robbo was left on the bench in Bucharest, but Roxy explained: "He's famed as a great penalty-box player, but we need more than that."

"When it comes to Hampden John will be a strong candidate for a place."

BRADY TO SEEK DONS CALL-OFF

CELTIC are ready to call on a little-used League rule to avoid losing FOUR key players next month.

The Parkhead side face Aberdeen on November 9 — but are likely to be without Irishmen Pat Bonner, Chris Morris and Tony Cascarino, as well as Pole Dariusz Wdowczyk. All are wanted by their countries for European Championship games four days later.

But now Liam Brady will apply for a postponement of the Parkhead clash — pointing to an old Scottish League rule to back him up.

Rule 68, which refers to full-strength teams being played in every game, states: "Clubs affected by the selection of two or more players for international matches may be permitted by the management

committee to postpone league fixtures on the days of such matches."

The international matches may not be on the same day, but Brady will use the rule if necessary.

He admitted: "I wasn't aware of this rule. If the Irish ask for the three players — and Jack Charlton hasn't as yet — it's nice to know we have this in black and white."

League secretary Peter Donald admitted: "There's nothing to stop Celtic applying for a postponement under the rule — but it's unlikely the management committee would sanction a call-off."

■ DUNDEE boss Iain Munro will this week tell wantaway defender Rob Shannon — "Play your way to a move!"

The £200,000 rated full-back at Dens Park after a month on loan to Middlesbrough, will still be allowed to leave.

FERGIE IN DARK



Manchester United boss Alex Ferguson

MANCHESTER UNITED go into Wednesday's tough defence of the Cup Winners' Cup against Atletico Madrid one down in the kidology stakes.

Boss Alex Ferguson was outsmarted last week when he flew out on a spying mission. The crafty Spaniards played only one first-teamer, Brazilian centre-back Donato - and changed their playing system - in the first leg of their Spanish Super Cup tie in Barcelona.

Said one insider: "Ferguson will have learned nothing."

But it's no secret that United face a squad of counter-punchers, who won't make the running even in their own white-hot Vicente Calderon cockpit.

That's how PAE Athinaikos stretched United - and the Greeks had no-one like Paulo Futre, Manolo or Bernd Schuster.

Schuster is one of two Atletico stars on a revenge job against the Reds. He was in the Barcelona team humbled by United in the 1984 Cup Winners' quarter-finals. And Miguel Boler agonised on Barcelona's bench as United dismantled the favourites in last season's final.

But Mark Hughes is also a man with a mission. He'll recall that Luis Aragonés (now Atletico coach) couldn't wait to get rid of him at Barcelona.

Roxy ends 9-year rift with Irish

SCOTLAND are to play Northern Ireland for the first time in nine years.

☆ The Hampden match on February 19 will help heal a rift

with Billy Bingham's boys, who were bitter when the Scots helped scrap the old Home Championship series.

☆ Andy Roxburgh aims to use the game as part of his preparations for either the Euro-92 or the 1994 World Cup qualifiers, which start next September.

He said: "The Irish

have wanted a fixture for some time. We're playing it at Hampden to show our support for the ground."

☆ Roxy also plans another warm-up for March but will leave April clear because of club commitments.

If Scotland don't qualify for the Swedish finals they will play in a four-team tournament in Florida next summer.

MY BOY RYAN



RYAN GIGGS' greatest fan motors 200 miles to watch Manchester United's latest prodigy play - and that's just for home matches!

What's more, Danny Wilson will kick every ball for the long-legged left winger from deep among the Stretford End loyalists, before setting out on the long haul back home to Cardiff.

But, unlike other punters, he doesn't try to get any nearer 17-year-old Ryan. It's enough that he's been at the match.

Some fan? Some father, more like it.

It's part of the price this one-time Rugby League ace is prepared to pay for breaking up with Lynne Giggs, his lifelong sweetheart and Ryan's mother.

Why doesn't he make contact with his boy in Manchester? "Because," he says, his brown eyes clouding with pain, "I don't want to cause him any trouble."

"It does hurt not to see him. But I don't want to embarrass him. He's under enough pressure, I know what he's going through."

"So I go on the Stretford End to watch him and I never let him know I'm there. But I'm so proud."

Record

"I'll never forget his first game, against Everton. The tears just rolled down my face."

"To hear people talking about him, knowing he was something special. I'm so proud..."

If his emotions were rubbed raw then it's nothing to what they went through in Germany on Wednesday.

His 12-hour coach trek from Cardiff to Nuremberg seemed for nothing as Wales were slaughtered and Ryan stayed on the bench.

Then, seven minutes from time, the urchin was sent on for his debut - and into the Welsh record books pushing John Charles out of the youngest-player slot.

"It was choking," says Danny. "Very emotional. I was hugging my dad, and he was hugging me."

"People around congratulated me."



RYAN GIGGS

By 'secret' dad who cheers him from the terrace

They all knew he was my boy. I just wish he's had longer to show what he could do."

There was only one cloud for 35-year-old Danny. He had hoped to get to the team hotel and make contact with Ryan for the first time in four months. But it didn't happen.

"I was kept in the stadium for 40 minutes with the other fans. Then we were escorted to the coach. Sad - but it was still a night I'll never forget."

Separation causes practical difficulties. Even back living with his parents in Cardiff, Wilson is besieged by people asking for tickets, autographs and footballs from his boy.

Rather than try to explain, he says: "I just have to tell them he can't do it."

Proper

There's been pain all round. Like the newspaper headlines screaming about Ryan telling dad to get lost.

"Not true," says Danny. "We get on well when we meet. And I've refused plenty of money offers to reply to that article. It wouldn't do me or Ryan any good."

After the split Ryan changed his surname from Wilson. It was said to have been done by deed poll.

"Not true," says Danny. "It's the name he was born under. He's just gone back to it."

"He used Wilson at school because Lynne and I weren't married and it seemed the proper thing to do."

It's as well for headline writers that "Ryan wasn't up for alteration. The name came from the Frank Sinatra film Von Ryan's Express. No-one was more fittingly named than the slim Cardiff-born flier."

He went north when his father signed for Swinton. The family break-up came two years ago. Danny won't discuss the reasons. He prefers to talk about Ryan. How far can he go?

"All the way - as long as he doesn't make the same mistakes as I did. And I don't think he will."

Prodigy

The mistakes? "I used to miss a day's training occasionally. I fell in with the wrong crowd and I was a bit of a hothead."

Having a prodigy in the family certainly didn't start with this generation.

Ryan's grandma Winnie recalls the scrawny kid seeing Old Trafford on TV and

saying: "I'll play there one day."

"History repeating itself," she says. "I remember Danny saying the same thing about Cardiff Arms Park - and he played there."

Wilson, who made his name in Union with Cardiff, was given trials by League giants Wigan and Widnes at 19. But, unlike Ryan, he didn't grab fate by the jugular.

"I could've signed," he says. "But it was too soon for me. I went up for the trials but treated the trips as free weekends away."

A few years later, he did make it north with Swinton, and earned six Rugby League caps for Wales.

But he knows Ryan will upstage him.

And there's also 14-year-old Rhodel, who promises enough at soccer and Rugby League to follow his brother or dad.

As for Danny, he's out of work and looking for a last stint in Rugby League or a break back into Rugby Union as a coach.

If all else fails, the bricklayer will take up an 18-month contract to help rebuild Kuwait.

The Kuwaitis should grab him. Hasn't he already helped build this masterpiece?

SUPER SOCCER LEADERS ALL YEAR ROUND

This week's fixture list

Tuesday, October 22

SECOND DIVISION

Cambridge U v Blackburn
Portsmouth v Plymouth
Tranmere v Watford
Wolves v Grimsby

Wednesday, October 23

SECOND DIVISION

Leicester v Bristol R
Millwall v Swindon
Newcastle v Southend
Oxford v Charlton

Friday, October 26

THIRD DIVISION

Huddersfield

FOURTH DIVISION

Rotherham v York City

Saturday, October 26

FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal v Notts Co
Aston Villa v Wimbledon
Palace v Chelsea
Leeds v Oldham
Liverpool v Coventry
Man City v Sheff Utd
Norwich v Luton
Forest v Southampton
QPR v Everton



MARK HUGHES

Sheff. Wed v Man United

West Ham v Tottenham

SECOND DIVISION

Blackburn v Grimsby
Brighton v Swindon
Bristol C v Newcastle
Cambridge U v Barnsley
Middlesbro v Port Vale
Millwall v Derby
Oxford v Leicester
Plymouth v Watford
Portsmouth v Ipswich
Southend v Charlton

Sunderland v Bristol R

Wolves v Tranmere

THIRD DIVISION

Bournemouth v Bradford C
Bury v Brentford
Chester v Bolton
Fulham v Preston
Hull City v Darlington
Peterboro v Hartlepool
Shrewsbury v Reading
Stoke v Leyton O
Torquay v Swansea
West Brom v Birmingham

Wigan v Exeter

FOURTH DIVISION

Blackpool v Wrexham
Cardiff v Doncaster
Carlisle v Crewe
Chesterfield v Hereford
Gillingham v Northampton
Lincoln v Burnley
Rochdale v Halifax
Rotherham v York City
Scarboro v Barnet
Scunthorpe v Mansfield
Walsall v Aldershot

SCOTTISH PREMIER

Dunfermline v Dundee Utd
Hibernian v Airdrie
Motherwell v Hearts
Rangers v Falkirk
St Johnstone v Aberdeen

SCOTTISH FIRST

St Mirren v Celtic
Dundee v Morton
Forfar v Hamilton

Kilmarnock v Clydebank

Meadowbank v Montrose

Patrick v Ayr Utd

Stirling v Raith

SCOTTISH SECOND

Albion R v Stenhousemuir

Arbroath v Q Park

Berwick v East Fife

Brechin v Queen of South

Clyde v East Stirling

Cowdenbeath v Dumbarton

Stranraer v Alloa

DEAD LOCKED

HOWARD KENDALL admitted at the weekend that his bid to sign Romanian star Gheorghe Hagi is dead-locked.

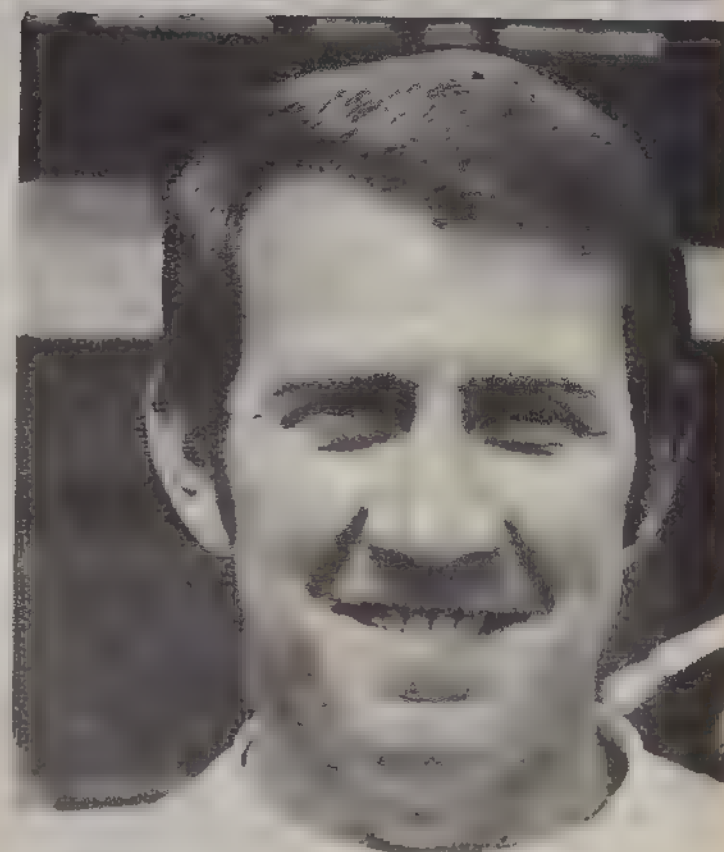
Spanish giants Real Madrid have rejected Kendall's attempt to sign the world-class midfielder on loan with a view to a £2 million move.

"It's stalemate, but not dead," declared the Everton boss.

Kendall is now considering whether to make a straight cash offer for Hagi to Real's coach, Leo Beenhakker.

North East rivals Newcastle and Sunderland are both in the chase for Ipswich striker David Lowe.

Liverpool-born Lowe, valued at £500,000 has averaged a goal a game in every League game with Wi-



HOWARD KENDALL

gan and Ipswich.

But he has refused to sign a new contract with

Ipswich and his transfer fee will have to be decided by a tribunal.

ALL THE RESULTS FROM BRITAIN

BARCLAYS LGE — DIV 1

CHELSEA	2	LIVERPOOL	2
HT: 1-1		Att: 30,230	
COVENTRY	1	CPALACE	2
HT: 0-1			
EVERTON	0	AVILLA	2
HT: 0-1		Att: 27,686	
ILLTON	2	SHEFF WED	2
HT: 1-1		Att: 9,401	
MANUTD	1	ARSENAL	1
HT: 1-1		Att: 46,094	
NOTTS CO	2	LEEDS	4
HT: 1-2		Att: 12,964	
OLDHAM	2	WESTHAM	2
HT: 2-1		Att: 14,362	
SHEFFUTD	4	NOTTMRST	2
HT: 2-1		Att: 22,890	
SOTON	0	NORWICH	0
HT: 0-0		Att: 12,516	
TOTTENHAM	0	MANCITY	1
HT: 0-0		Att: 30,502	
WIMBLEDON	0	QPR	1
HT: 0-0		Att: 4,630	

DIVISION 2

BARNLEY	1	BRISTOL C	2
HT: 0-1		Att: 6,586	
BRISTOL H	0	PLYMOUTH	0
HT: 0-0		Att: 5,049	
CHARLTON	2	BRIGHTON	0
HT: 2-0		Att: 9,000	
DERBY	2	PORTSMTH	0
HT: 0-0		Att: 13,190	
GRIMSBY	1	MIDDLESBRO	0
HT: 0-0		Att: 10,265	
IPSWICH	0	MILLWALL	0
HT: 0-0		Att: 11,175	
LEICESTER	3	WOLVES	0
HT: 2-0		Att: 14,426	
NEWCASTLE	4	OXFORD	3
HT: 2-1		Att: 18,456	
PVLA	3	SUNDERLND	3
HT: 1-0		Att: 7,525	
SWINDON	2	BLACKBURN	1
HT: 0-2		Att: 10,717	
WATFORD	1	SOUTHEND	2
HT: 0-1		Att: 6,862	

DIVISION 3

BIRMINGHAM	3	WIGAN	3
HT: 1-2		Att: 9,002	
BOLTON	0	FULHAM	3
HT: 0-1		Att: 3,132	
BRADFORD	2	TORQUAY	0
HT: 0-0		Att: 4,543	
BRENTFORD	1	WESTBROM	2
HT: 0-1		Att: 6,675	
DARLINGTON	3	SHREWSBRY	3
HT: 0-2		Att: 2,188	
EXETER	5	BURY	2
HT: 3-0		Att: 3,904	
HARTLEPL	2	HULL	3
HT: 1-2		Att: 2,869	
LORIENT	1	BOURNMTH	1
HT: 0-1		Att: 3,878	
PRESTON	1	HUDDSRFLD	0
HT: 0-0		Att: 6,665	
READING	1	PETERBORO	1
HT: 0-1		Att: 2,954	
SWANSEA	2	STOKE	1
HT: 2-0		Att: 3,365	

DIVISION 4

BARNET	3		
BLACKPOOL	0		
HT: 1-0		Att: 5,005	
BURNLEY	2	WALSALL	0
HT: 2-0		Att: 7,289	
CREW	3	SCARBORO	3
HT: 2-0		Att: 2,696	
DONCASTER	1	GILLINGHAM	1
HT: 0-0		Att: 1,498	
HALIFAX	2	CHESTERFLO	0
HT: 0-0		Att: 1,506	
MAIDSTONE	1	ROCHDALE	1
HT: 0-0		Att: 1,016	
MANSFIELD	3	CARDIFF	0
HT: 1-0		Att: 3,180	
NORTHMPTN	0	SCUNTHPRE	1
HT: 0-1		Att: 3,975	
WREXHAM	3	CARLISLE	0
HT: 1-0		Att: 1,286	
YORK	1	LINCOLN	1
HT: 0-0		Att: 1,853	

B & Q PREMIER

AIRDRIE	4	ST MIRREN	1
HT: 1-0		Att: 2,500	
DUNDEE UTD	1	ST JOHNSTNE	2
HT: 1-0		Att: 6,202	
DUNFRMLNE	0	ABERDEEN	0
FALKIRK	4	CELTIC	3
HT: 3-1		Att: 11,600	
HIBS	0	MOTHERWELL	0
HT: 0-0		Att: 8,000	
RANGERS	2	HEARTS	0
HT: 1-0		Att: 38,481	

MEADOWBANK	1	DUNDEE	2
HT: 0-1		Att: 750	
MONTROSE	4	STIRLING	1
HT: 0-1		Att: 969	
MORTON	1	HAM LTON	0
HT: 0-0		Att: 1,723	

DIVISION 2

ALLOA	0	ESTIRLING	1
HT: 0-1		Att: 327	
BERWICK	0	STRANRAER	0
HT: 0-0		Att: 255	
BRECHIN	2	QUEENSPK	0
HT: 0-0		Att: 300	
CLYDE	4	COWDENBTH	0
HT: 0-0		Att: 500	
EFIFE	3	ALBION	2
HT: 2-0		Att: 600	
QNOFSTH	2	DJMBARTON	4
HT: 1-2		Att: 893	
STENSHMUIR	2	AMBROATH	1
HT: 1-0		Att: 300	

DIVISION 1

CLYDEBANK	3	AYR	2
HT: 0-1		Att: 1,200	
FORFAR	0	RAITH	1
HT: 0-0		Att: 559	
KLMARNOCK	2	PARTICK	3
HT: 2-1		Att: 4,962	

ALL YOUR TABLES FROM ENGLAND

ENGLISH DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man Utd	12	8	4	0	19	4	28
Leeds	13	7	5	1	24	12	26
Man City	13	7	1	5	16	15	22
Arsenal	12	6	3	3	27	18	21
Sheff Wed	13	6	3	4	23	16	21
Coventry	13	6	2	5	16	12	20
Crystal Pal	12	6	2	4	22	24	20
Aston Villa	13	5	3	5	18	14	18
Chelsea	13	4	6	3	23	20	18
Liverpool	11	4	5	2	13	10	17
Wimbledon	13	5	2	6	21	20	17
Notts Fst	12	5	1	6	23	21	16
Tottenham	10	5	1	4	17	15	16
Everton	13	4	4	5	19	18	16
Norwich	13	3	7	3	15	17	16
Oldham	12	4	3	5	19	19	15
Notts City	13	4	3	6	17	23	15
West Ham	13	2	6	5	14	18	12
QPR	13	2	6	5	11	19	12
Southampt	13	2	4	7	10	21	10
Luton	13	2	4	7	8	29	10
Sheff Utd	13	2	3	8	18	28	9

DIVISION 2

Middlesbro	14	8	2	4	19	11	26
Cambridge	12	8	1	3	24	15	25
Ipswich	13	7	4	2	22	18	25
Swindon	12	7	2	3	28	16	23
Charlton	12	7	2	3	18	12	23
Derby	13	6	4	3	20	13	22
Leicester	12	6	1	5	16	17	19
Brist City	13	5	4	4	17	20	19
Blackburn	12	5	3	4	16	12	18
Wolves	12	5	3	4	17	16	18
Southend	12	5	3	4	14	13	18
Portsmouth	12	5	3	4	12	12	18
Grimsby	12	5	2	5	18	20	17
Port Vale	14	4	5	5	15	17	17
Millwall	12	4	3	5	20	19	15
Tranmere	12	3	6	3	17	16	15
Sunderland	13	4	3	6	24	25	15
Brighton	13	4	3	6	19	23	15
Barnsley	14	4	2	8	14	22	14
Watford	12	4	1	7	14	16	13
Newcastle	13	3	4	6	21	26	13
Oxford	12	3	1	8	17	23	10
Brist Rov	12	2	3	7	13	20	9
Plymouth	12	2	3	7	13	26	9

DIVISION 3

WBA	12	8	2	2	20	11	26
Birmingham	12	7	4	1	22	13	25
Brentford	12	8	0	4	22	16	24
Huddersfid	12	6	4	2	16	10	22
Exeter	12	6	3	3	23	22	21
Stockport	12	6	2	4	24	18	20
Ley Orient	12	5	4	3	18	15	19
Stoke	12	4	6	2	16	13	18
Fulham	12	5	3	4	16	13	18
Bradford	12	4	5	3	20	18	17
Preston	12	4	5	3	17	15	17
Brenthth	12	3	7	2	10	8	16
Shrewsbury	12	4	4	4	14	13	16
Bolton	12	4	4	4	18	19	16
Bury	12	4	3	5	22	22	15
Hartlepool	12	4	3	5	18	20	15
Hull	12	4	2	6	13	15	14
Reading	12	3	4	5	12	15	13
Chester	12	3	2	7	15	15	11
Peterboro	12	2	5	5	8	17	11
Darlington	11	3	1	7	13	20	10
Swansea	11	2	4	5	7	17	10
Wigan	12	1	5	6	14	21	8
Torquay	12	2	0	10	10	22	6



Chic's off day as Diamonds sparkle for a home first

AIRDRIE 4 ST MIRREN 1

AIRDRIE boss Alex MacDonald was full of praise after his side's first home league win of the season. But he then warned his players: "Let's not get carried away."

The victory was gained only after Saints keeper Campbell Mooney was taken off injured and team-mate Chic Charnley was ordered off in a 10-minute second-half spell.

MacDonald said: "We scored quality goals and the lead up work was excellent, but we still made too many basic mistakes."

Off

Saints boss Davie Hay refused to say if Charnley would be disciplined for his 63rd minute red card for arguing with the referee.

All Airdrie's goals came from headers, Jimmy Boyle grabbing the opener.

Owen Coyle nodded Airdrie's second with Brian Martin pulling one back from close-range.

Substitute John Watson restored the home side's two-goal lead.

And Davie Kirkwood confirmed the Diamonds' superiority with a fourth goal.

BEST PLAYER: Boyle.



HANS GILHAUS



WILLEM VAN DER ARK

PARS' TASTE FOR

DUNFERMLINE 0 ABERDEEN 0

DUNFERMLINE gave themselves a real boost for next Sunday's Skol Cup final.

And with luck they might even have collected their first win of the season. Manager Jocky Scott had every right to be pleased with his players.

He said: "That was a big, big improvement on other matches. We battled, were well organised and the game could have gone either way."

"Aberdeen are the best team in the league when they're in form."

The Pars, sitting bottom of the league almost broke the deadlock just after half-time.

But Istvan Kozma was denied by a truly magnificent one-handed save from Theo Snelders.

Skol Cup boost as they nearly down the Dons

He dived full length to his left to divert a powerful shot destined for the bottom corner.

Seconds later defender Davie Moyes powered a header narrowly over the bar from a corner.

Fool

They were the best

chances for Dunfermline, who showed their self belief is beginning to return after a dreadful start to the season.

Aberdeen boss Alex Smith gave his backing to Dunfermline's Skol Cup chances.

"Only a fool would write them off," he said.



MIK'S

RANGERS 2 HEARTS 0

SOVIET ace Alexei Mikhailichenko hit his first goal for Rangers as they roared back to the top of the table.

SuperMik flattened their closest title rivals with a devastating strike four minutes after the break.

The Russian had missed two easy chances early on but he made up for that by rounding off a dazzling move between Gary Stevens, Mark Hateley and Ally McCoist.

And with McCoist rifling their opening just before the break, Hearts were floored within the space of five minutes.

Rangers boss Walter Smith, who spent £2m bringing the Ukrainian midfielder ace from Sampdoria in the summer was delighted seeing him break his scor-

ing duck after only five games.

Smith said: "It's difficult for foreign players to fit into our type of football. Adapting has been the biggest problem for Alexei but his goal will give him confidence — and so will the fans' reaction after he scored."

Rangers, strengthened by skipper Richard Gough's comeback, weathered Hearts' flurry at the start to get revenge for their defeat at Tynecastle two months ago.

"It's no coincidence Richard's return has given us a clean sheet again," said Smith.

The Scotland defender's partnership with Scot Nisbet reduced Hearts' attempts to save the game to a few attacks.

John Robertson was particularly disappointing, squandering two chances from his favourite position in the penalty box.

And Hearts' fallen stars faced the Monday morning blues with boss Joe Jordan warning: "I'll be discussing this result with my players then."

"Unlucky or unfortunate doesn't come into it, as it did when we lost to Celtic. We got what we deserved and

Rangers' Red

we can't say we were hard done by this time.

"I'm not going to individualise any player or any period in the game when things went wrong. It goes a lot deeper than the couple of chances Robbo missed."

And Jordan added: "Coming to Ibrox gives us the yardstick of what we've got to do in consistency to win titles."

"Rangers have been doing it year after year and we've got to learn from that."

"But the time to judge us is when the season has settled down. We've got to prove our-

selves championship challengers, but so have a lot of other teams."

Rangers, with Stuart McCall outstanding in their impressive midfield, made all the running.

They had a shout for penalty early in the game when Mikhailichenko was brought down by Gary Mackay.

Injured

They were awarded a spot-kick seven minutes from the end when John Morrow was fouled by Tosh McKinlay but McCoist made a mess of the kick with Henry Smith saving easily.



RAY AITKEN

BLOCKBUSTER

FALKIRK 4
CELTIC 3

FIRE-UP Falkirk crushed Celtic's seven-match unbeaten run in a Brockville blockbuster.

And the Bairns batters left shell-shocked Celts reeling with European injury worries.

They lost powerhouse centre-half Mike Galloway with an ankle injury after only 23 minutes — then saw his emergency defensive replacement, striker Tony Cascarino, limp off with 22 minutes left.

The defensive upheavals didn't help Celtic

but goalkeeper Pat Bonner has to accept some blame for the goals which led to Celtic's heaviest league defeat in almost three years.

But delighted Bairns' boss Jim Jeffries insisted: "We fully deserved to win and I'm only disappointed we gave away two avoidable goals."

"We set out to attack Celtic because I felt they had weaknesses at the back, and I don't think they ever coped with Crawford Baptie in the air."

Liam Brady agreed, admitting: "I put Cascarino on rather than

Celts' run crushed by battling Bairns

young Harry Smith when Galloway got injured because we were struggling to handle Baptie.

"But, perhaps, in retrospect I should've put the young lad on at that stage."

Falkirk's chances looked bleak when John Collins completed a rippling five-man move to put Celtic in front after nine minutes.

But the Bairns got a break when Peter

Grant turned the ball into his own net in a goalmouth scramble.

Celtic were still reorganising from Galloway's departure when Falkirk struck with two killer blows in three minutes before half-time.

First John Hughes headed down a Tommy McQueen free-kick for Stainrod to tee up Eddie May, who drove in his third goal in three games.

Then Bonner under pressure from Hughes, punched weakly at a cross, and when Baptie whipped the ball back in Stainrod scored with

a spectacular diving header.

Celtic looked set for more second half heartbreak when Ian Westwater made a great fingertip save from a Tommy Coyne drive.

But when Joe Miller's resultant corner came over, Paul McStay was there to power a scorching drive into the roof of the net.

But their hopes of a fightback were killed off when gaps in the Celtic defence let Kevin McAllister set up Neil Duffy to fire in a drive which squirmed under Bonner's body.

McStay pulled one back for Celtic, firing home after Westwater blocked a Charlie Nicholas drive.

BEST PLAYER: Duffy.



TONY CASCARINO



BIG TIME

Smith was disappointed in his own side's performance and in particular the quality of their finishing pass.

He added: "We had several good attempts in the first half and they had six minutes of opportunities."

Winger Jess had three great chances in that spell but turned them all over the bar.

"We over-elaborated a bit," admitted Smith. "But we played a lot of very good football. We

should have shown more penetration."

Overall this has to be seen as a better point for Dunfermline than for Aberdeen and perhaps for the first time this season the Dunfermline fans would have gone home having seen some promise from their team.

BEST PLAYER: Sinclair.



Dunfermline in action.

Saints alive after Narey gets his marching orders

DUNDEE UTD 1 ST JOHNSTONE 2

SUPER Saints stunned their Tannadice hosts with a late, late show of power and aggression.

And the Perth side's comeback inspired boss Alex Totten to describe it as: "A quite magnificent performance."

"As far as I was concerned we had the majority of possession throughout and deserved both points."

The drama of the af-

ternoon came in the 78th minute.

Referee Willie Young incensed the home players and fans alike by pointing to the spot after Dave Narey was adjudged to have handled a Mark Treanor cross.

And the ref added to his unpopularity by waving a second yellow card of the afternoon at Narey — thus ordering him off!

He then booked Jim McNally for voicing his opinion.

Gem

And if United felt hard done by that decision and Mark Treanor's spot kick conversion for an equaliser, there was even worse to come.

With just five minutes remaining Saints struck gold when Paul Wright headed home a Treanor cross.

Earlier in the afternoon United had reigned supreme.

But all they had to show for a handful of opportunities, was an 11th minute gem from Hamish French.

BEST PLAYER: McVicar.



MASTER

nets his first to send the Ibrox men to top spot

Hateley had earlier been deprived of his reward for persistency when his header clattered the bar.

The big striker was involved in both Rangers goals.

His flick down to Stevens sent McCoist in for the first from the right-back's well-judged cut-back.

And two dummies from Hateley as Rangers buzzed around the Hearts goal brought joy to Mikhailichenko.

Both Hateley and McCoist could have tried for goal themselves but instead set up the chances for the Soviet.

Hearts gave former Hibs foe Andy Goram about the easiest afternoon he has ever had against them.

Scott Crabbe, who caught out the Scotland keeper with a sucker-punch goal in their last game, was eventually subbed out by Steve Penney early in the second-half.

Smith was blameless in the other goal and if he hadn't brought off a brilliant point blank save from Hateley early on, Rangers would have opened up a lot earlier.

BEST PLAYER: McCall.



Alexei Mikhailichenko (right).

ROCK BOTTOM

DANNY LENNON



HIBS 0 MOTHERWELL 0

SKOL Cup finalists Hibs left boss Alex Miller furious after turning in one of their poorest performances of the season on the eve of their big Hampden date with Dunfermline.

The Easter Road outfit should have won this clash by a mile instead of dropping yet another home point.

But the Hibs strikers let chance after chance go begging with Gareth Evans and Keith Wright guilty of glaring misses.

Miller declared: "I was very disappointed to drop a point again, especially at home."

And he warned his men that he will not hesitate to wield the axe.

"Quite a few players had sub-par perfor-

mances and they have put themselves under a bit of pressure."

Motherwell boss Tommy McLean was delighted with what he described as a brave point.

He revealed that at halftime he had three players. Luc Nijholt, Hodge Arnott and Jim Griffin all struggling with injury.

Nijholt did not make it for the second half, being replaced by Steve

Kirk, while Arnott later went off to make way for Iain Ferguson.

McLean said: "They battled hard, worked hard and merited the break."

One of those breaks was a brilliant diving save from keeper Billy Thomson in the dying seconds as Brian Hamilton burst through.

Hibs keeper John Burridge had his moment of glory, diving at the feet of Ferguson who had been left in the clear by Davie Cooper.

BEST PLAYER: Hamilton.



Aberdeen players celebrate.

ABSW BEST FOR SOCCER ACTION

Poor Dalglish is made to suffer

SWINDON 2 BLACKBURN 1

KENNY DALGLISH'S champagne return to League football turned flat as his new Blackburn team crashed.

This hard-edged Second Division battle was a million miles from the glitzy Championship days of Liverpool.

Dalglish watched in agony from the directors' box at the County Ground as Rovers slipped to defeat in injury time.

After a goalless first half, he must have wondered what he had let himself in for but at least his side fought for everything.

They were behind midway through the second half when a corner brought chaos to the Rovers defence and Steve White smashed the ball into the net.

When all looked lost, Rovers came back with an equaliser after 73 minutes and it was converted by Dalglish's old Anfield boy, David Speedie.



KENNY DALGLISH

A shot from Livingstone was only half stopped by Hammond in the Swindon goal but Speedie rushed in to hammer home the rebound.

A draw would have satisfied Dalglish, but everything went wrong three minutes into injury time when another corner brought more

panic in Blackburn and this time Swindon skipper Colin Calderwood ran in to force the ball over.

It was no more than Swindon deserved because they always had the control of Blackburn, who ran, chased and tackled like tigers but were way short of the class needed to fulfil the Dalglish Super League ambition.

Rovers were out to impress their new manager right from the word go and were given an open invitation by Swindon to take the lead after just three minutes.

A mis-hit cross-field ball from Ross MacLaren was easily intercepted by David Speedie who turned and lobbed a 20-yarder inches over.

But Rovers almost went behind when top scorer Duncan Shearer pounced only for Bobby Mimms to save.

It must have been a far cry for Dalglish from his Anfield days watching the red shirts of Swindon pin the blue and white shirts of his new team into their own half for long periods.

BEST PLAYER: Calderwood.

EXETER 5 BURY 2

EXETER swamped Bury to equal their best run in the Third Division of nine games without defeat.

The rout started in the 12th minute when Vince Hillaire was fouled in the box and skipper Tomy Kelly scored the penalty.

Then two terrible pass-backs cost Bury the game. In 29 minutes Roger Stanislaus failed to put eno-

ugh power on his and in nipped Gary Chapman to lash the ball into the net.

Bury missed five good chances.

Then a minute before half-time, Valentine got into a tangle as he tried to steer the ball back. Chapman again raced through to score.

Kelly capped a brilliant solo run in the 58th minute by ham-

GOLD NINE!

5-goal Exeter's great run goes on

mering in a fierce shot from an acute angle.

Bury pulled one back when Peter Whiston fouled Ian Wilson in the 63rd minute. Liam Robinson scored from the spot.

Seven minutes from time, Chapman

weaved through the Bury defence before pushing a pass to the unmarked Steve Moran, who got the fifth.

Two minutes later Bury got a second penalty for handball, which Robinson scored.



TORTURE

MAN UTD 1
ARSENAL 1

THE RYAN GIGGS fairy story went sour on him at a crucial moment on the weekend.

The 17-year-old Welsh flyer had the chances to give United a tremendous boost in their bid for the title.

Three times he had the champions at his mercy. Once he struck a post, but twice he couldn't hit the target from eight yards.

His 58th-minute miss was the killer one. The 46,594 crowd froze along with Arsenal's defence as he was left high and dry by Mark Hughes.

With Arsenal screaming vainly for offside, Giggs rushed his shot and put it tamely past the far post.

Young Ryan, to his great credit, didn't let his head drop and he certainly wasn't alone in his misery.

Brian McClair shot violently against a post and Andy Kanchelskis — on the field barely a minute as sub for Neil Webb — couldn't put away the rebound with the goal wide open.



Trouble

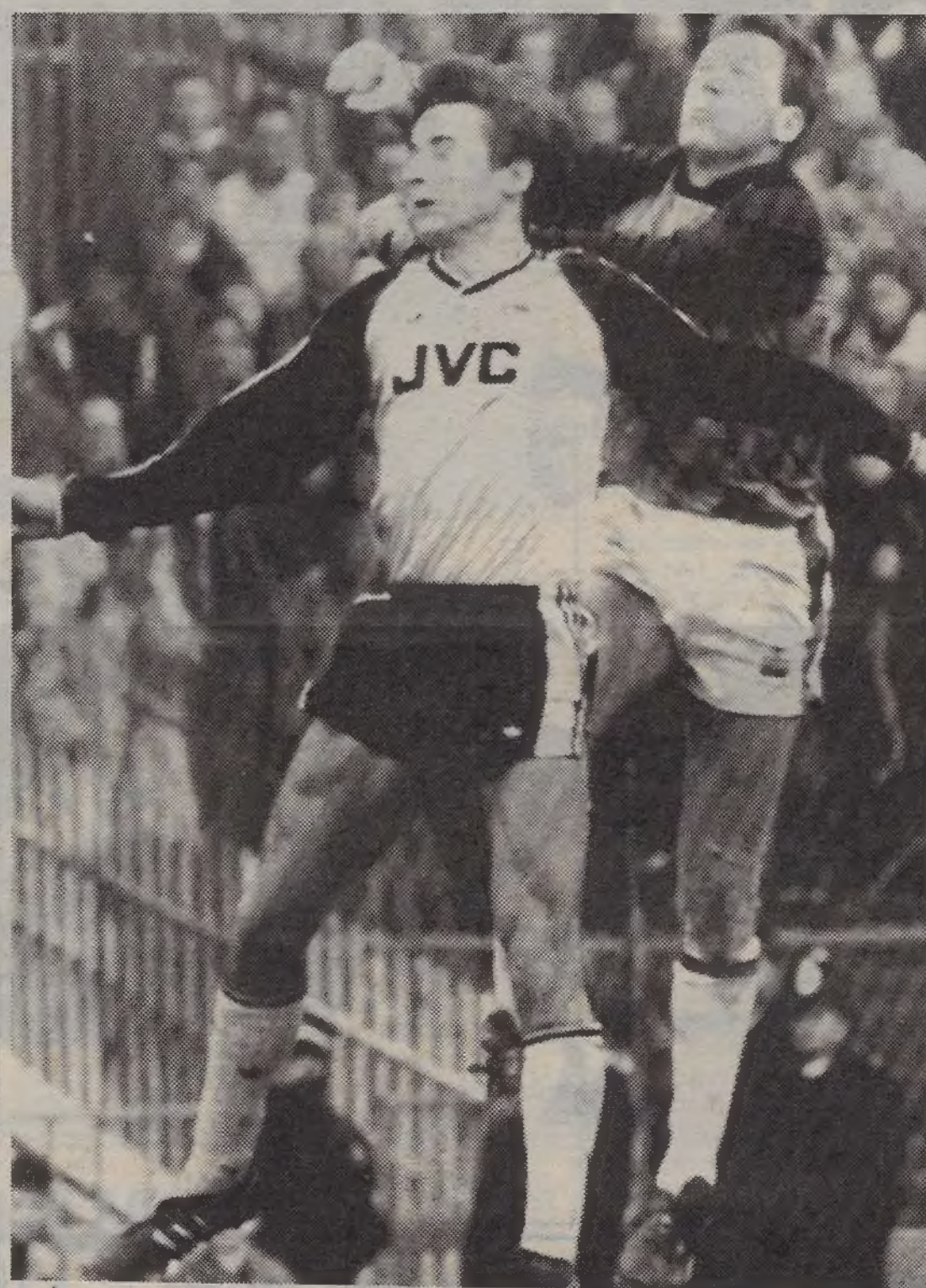
United would have deserved a victory. They had to come from behind after Peter Schmeichel conceded a bizarre own goal when he was put in trouble by David Rocastle's glorious 30-yard chip.

But Steve Bruce equalised right on half-time and from that point United took over.

Yet for all their second-half dominance,



Neil Webb



Alan Smith doing what he does best - sniffing for a goal.

Super Shelton dumps Tykes

BARNLEY 1
BRISTOL C 2

ANY First Division club searching for a midfield genius should look no further than Bristol City skipper Gary Shelton.

The former Sheffield Wednesday and Aston Villa player lobbed a stunning 24-yard winner 10 minutes from time.

But even before scoring, Shelton had done enough to walk off with the Best Player award.

At 33, he still covered more ground than anyone, getting in countless vital tackles.

Yet it was the quality of his passing and his reading of tight situations in the midfield battle zone that did so much to unhinge Barnsley.

Flying

The Yorkshiremen had keeper Les Butler

to thank for holding out as long as they did.

But for his series of flying saves, Barnsley would have been killed off even before Nicky Morgan's smart back-heel set up Andy May for City's first goal in the 24th minute.

Barnsley were so over-run they had to sacrifice striker John Pearson for a mid-field substitution at half-time.

They saw more of the ball after that and David Currie hit the bar before floating home a 78th minute equaliser from the left wing.

But two minutes later, Shelton spotted Butler off his line and hit the spot with a sweetly-judged chip.

BEST PLAYER: Shelton.

CHELSEA 2
LIVERPOOL 2

LIVERPOOL'S title hopes are now looking remote.

Graeme Souness's team have too many injuries to establish style, too many youngsters forced to have an extended run and too many points being dropped.

But there is nothing wrong with their spirit. At times in the second

Forget title talk, Graeme

half, Liverpool threatened to overwhelm Chelsea and in one hectic spell forced eight corners in almost as many minutes.

It did look a bit ominous for Liverpool when Chelsea went 2-1 in front six minutes into the second half from a corner.

Kevin Wilson took the kick and Vinnie Jones headed goalwards. Bruce Grobbelaar scooped the ball away, but only as far as 17-year-old Chelsea starlet Andy Myers, who wasted no time in crashing it into the net.

But that was when Liverpool showed their

character. It took them just seven minutes to gain an equaliser which was fully deserved, though fortunate.

Ian Rush first-timed a shot which looked to be going wide until it hit Paul Elliott and rebounded past goalkeeper Kevin Hitchcock.

It looked as though Liverpool had put their recent indifferent form behind them when they raced into a fourth-minute lead from their first serious attack.

Rush and Ray Houg-

hton combined to set up the pass which Steve McManaman thumped home from 15 yards, aided by a slight deflection from Chelsea defender Graeme Le Saux.

But Chelsea came storming back and within five minutes they were level.

Grobbelaar failed to hold the ball when young Joe Allon fired in a shot and in a flash Jones had banged the rebound into the back of the net.

BEST PLAYER: Elliott.

SOUNESS AGONY



KING CASTLE

Cherries' oldies stunned by Steve

LEYTON ORIENT 1
BOURNEMOUTH 1
BOURNEMOUTH'S golden oldies taught the Orient babes a first half soccer lesson.

But then age caught up with them — and Steve Castle grabbed a point.

The Cherries fully deserved their 34th minute lead, a brilliant shot from an acute angle by 31-year-old Jimmy Quinn following a long free kick by Kevin Bond.

And always lurking in midfield, prompting a string of chances for Bournemouth, was 37-

year-old Jimmy Case.

He was setting out on his professional career when many of the Leyton Orient team weren't born.

They completely dominated play and should have gone ahead after 21 minute.

Leyton Orient's youngsters, with three successive wins behind them, took over in the second half — and they scored a stunning equaliser on the hour.

Keith Day crossed for Castle to hit a brilliant volley into the net.

BRADFORD 2
TORQUAY 0
★ ROBBIE JAMES sparked as he marked his 700th League appearance against luckless Torquay.
★ City struggled to find their form in a goalless first-half.

But they broke through in the 30th minute when Torquay goalkeeper fumbled and Dunbury nipped in to score.

★ The second came 27 minutes later when Phil Babb turned a defender before hitting a curling shot over the keeper.

SHARP SWANS

SWANSEA 2 STOKE 1

SWANSEA stunned high-flying Stoke with two goals in five minutes and then battled hard to hold on for a valuable victory.

■ Stoke, having lost only once in 11 games, were kept under steady pressure from the start by an unusually sharp and effective Swansea attack.

The Welshmen took the lead in the ninth minute with a great goal by central defender Mark Harris, who rocketed in a fierce header.

■ With their tails up, the Swans kept up their pressure and within five minutes, Alan Davies scored.

An uncertain defence dithered in the goalmouth as Jimmy Gilligan delicately touched the ball through to Davies who rounded two defenders and smashed past Stoke keeper Jason Kearton.

■ Stoke turned up the heat in the second half. But Swansea's defence stood firm.

And they held out well until the last minute, when Tony Killa scored Stoke's consolation effort.

FOR GIGGS!

Ryan lets 'em off the hook

United were lucky not to concede two penalties in Arsenal's rare breaks.

Paul Ince almost marked his 24th birthday this week the wrong way when he foolishly threw an arm over Paul Merson's shoulder, sending the winger tumbling as he tried to get under Ian Wright's cross.

Even more blatant was the incident 11 minutes from time, when Wright had his feet hooked from beneath him by Bryan Robson.

United had struggled to create much early on as Arsenal clamped down tight.

Fear

With the champions finding it just as hard against Bruce and Gary Pallister, the tackles began to fly and the fear grew that it wouldn't take much to spark the kind of bust-up that scared last year's Old Trafford clash.

Bruce escaped cautions for raw assaults on Kevin Campbell and Paul Davis. Wright was even luckier to escape after going in high on Denis Irwin.

But sense was restored to the game and the half finished in a frantic climax with two goals in six minutes.

First Rocastle broke the deadlock with a superb piece of skill, but aided finally by Schmeichel.

Goal

Drifting forward from midfield, Rocastle chipped from 30 yards and caught the Dane a fatal yard off his line. As he flailed desperately backwards, the ball hit the underside of the bar and then bounced into goal off the keeper.

But just before the break, United hit back and Giggs was heavily involved again. He and Irwin worked a corner routine and Bruce guided his cross into the net.

BEST PLAYER: Bruce.

DIV 1 TOP

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MAN UTD	12	8	28
LEEDS	13	7	26
MANC	13	7	22
ARSENAL	12	6	21
SHEFFW	13	6	21
COVENTRY	13	6	20



BRYAN ROBSON

ROCK BOTTOM

Derby rivals hit new low

BRISTOL ROVERS 0
PLYMOUTH 0

ROVERS and Plymouth were plunged deeper into trouble after a dismal West County derby at Twerton Park.

Both sides showed just why they fill the bottom two places in the Second Division with some of their worst football of the season.

Dennis Kofe, favourite to clinch the vacant

manager's job at Rovers this week, saw his side squander a hatful of chances.

Chief culprit was Tony Pounder who missed two golden openings. First he ignored unmarked Marcus Browning to balloon a 20-yard shot over the top.

Ten minutes from time, he was put clear by David Mehew but again shot off target.

Ryan Cross incensed the home crowd with a late challenge on Ro-

vers left back Steve Cross in the 17th minute. But the midfield man escaped with only a booking from referee Graham Pooley.

Robbie Turner, who was handed a new role in the centre of defence, should have put Plymouth ahead after 21 minutes.

Andy Clement's centre found the former Rovers' striker but Brian Parkin produced a fine reflex save. Turner had a second chance from the corner but saw his shot blocked by Devon White.

Andy Morrison, back after a five-match absence, had to be car-

ried off 10 minutes before half-time with a recurrence of a hamstring.

Mistakes continued to plague the match with the sides barely capable of stringing together two passes. White blasted a 60th minute shot wide and was immediately substituted by Phil Purnell.

Barlow was then the sinner for Plymouth, hitting a home shot straight at Parkin.

BEST PLAYER: Turner.

Fee is in the money

MANSFIELD 3
CARDIFF 0

GAVIN WARD, the Cardiff keeper, prevented Mansfield rattling up a hefty scoreline as the Stags went top of Division Four.

An exciting end-to-end first-half saw Cardiff almost take the lead when Greg Fee had to head a Carl Dale header off the line.

But it was Fee who headed home Gary Ford's free-kick on 38 minutes to break the deadlock and put his side on the way to a win bonus.

Wilt

And when Steve Wilkinson added a second after 51 minutes the visitors began

to wilt and it became one-way traffic.

Ward then came into his own with a string of excellent saves before he was beaten again in the final minute when Steve Charles ran on to a chipped pass from Ford and fired underneath the keeper.

Phil Stant had a fine game up front for Mansfield and almost put them ahead after 10 minutes when he pounced on to a short back-header from Alan Lewis.

Stant rounded Ward but his finish lacked power and Lewis redeemed himself by getting back to clear.

Stant then had the ball in the net but it was ruled out for offside.

BEST PLAYER: Ward.

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SAUNDERS EURO CHOP

LIVERPOOL striker Dean Saunders, sent off in Wales' vital European Championship qualifier in Germany, faces another massive body blow tomorrow.

Saunders, at £2.9 million the most expensive signing by an English club, looks like being dropped by Liverpool for the

UEFA Cup-tie away to French club Auxerre.

Even the 27-year-old's four goals in the 8-1 first round win over Finnish club Kuusysi Lahti are unlikely to save him.

AUTOMATIC

Manager Graeme Souness, able to include only four players in his squad who aren't qualified for England, left out goalkeeper

Bruce Grobbelaar against the Finns.

Now, with Mark Hopper sidelined by injury until the New Year, veteran Grobbelaar is an automatic choice.

Since Souness looks certain to pick Scottish defender Steve Nicol and Irish midfielder Ray Houghton, it leaves Ian Rush and Saunders to scrap over the one remaining place.

And, with Saunders

struggling for League goals since his big-money move to Anfield, Rush is odds-on to get the nod.

Souness watched Auxerre this week and was impressed by what he saw.

The Liverpool boss checked them in a French League game against Nancy on Friday night, before flying back to London before Saturday's First Division match at Chelsea.



DEAN SAUNDERS: no longer in top form for the Reds

RYAN BLOWS UNITED CHANCE



MANCHESTER UNITED blew their Gigg chance to stamp their mark on the title race.

And 17-year-old boy wonder Ryan Giggs was the biggest culprit in the 1-1 draw.

Three times he had champions Arsenal at his mercy.

But in front of the

season's biggest crowd, he blew it.

Brian McClair also hit a post, but it was the woodwork which undid the meaneast defence in the First Division.

David Rocastle's 30-yard chip rebounded back off the bar, hit United's Danish goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel on the back and bobbed into the net.

Steve Bruce equalised with a header on half-time to preserve United's unbeaten record.

To add to their frustration, United's lead at the top of the table was cut to just two points as Leeds won 4-2 at Notts County.

Kenny Dalglish was left feeling flat after his champagne start as Blackburn's boss ended in 2-1 defeat at Swindon.

The winner came

three minutes into injury time.

Kenny's old club, Liverpool couldn't win either.

They were held 2-2 at Chelsea.

JAMES READY TO PICK KOP

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★ Italian Soccer — 10.30am

★ One hour reviewing last weekend in the highly acclaimed Italian league. Features a main match and all the goals in the First Division.

European Football — 11.30am

★ Main match: A double-header featuring the best from the Spanish league — Real Madrid v Barcelona and Oviedo v Atletico Madrid.

DAVID JAMES is set to become Britain's most expensive keeper this week at £1.5 million.

The England under-21 star will move to either Liverpool or Chelsea, with Anfield boss Graeme Souness favourite to get him.

Chelsea met Watford's valuation and thought they were close to clinching the record-breaking deal last Friday.

James has been unable to talk to Chelsea but they will try again this week, as will Blackburn's boss Kenny Dalglish, but Liverpool is the 21-year-old's first choice.

Watford will replace James by paying £150,000 for Oldham's James Keeley.

Oldham boss Joe Royal could then follow up his interest in Manchester United outcast Jim Leighton.

Dalglish also checked out Tranmere's

Eric Nixon in Friday's game against Cambridge.

CHECKED

Third Division Darlington have joined Birmingham City in the race for Nick Pickering, freed by Derby.

Sheffield United have had a £40,000 bid rejected for Colchester's 18-year-old midfielder Mark Kinsella.

But Gazza-tamer Paul Harding could be Bramall Lane's new

Vinnie Jones.

Dave Bassett is eyeing the £400,000 Notts County hardman, who once had Paul Gascoigne frustrated enough to leave him with a black eye.

Crystal Palace boss Steve Coppell has renewed his interest in winger Franz Carr, but Newcastle will demand £750,000.

West Ham have joined the chase for Nottingham Forest's Garry Parker.



Graeme Souness

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